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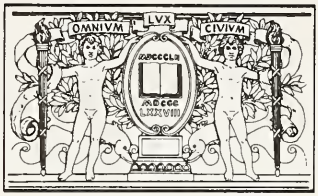

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TO MY DAUGHTER, HER COUSINS

and

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The Descendants of Isaac and Rachel (Davis) Howe

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A HOWE FAMILY

A Line of Descent from James How

INTRODUCTION

According to the Preface to the Howe Genealogies(1), what was to become a laborious and expensive task evolved from an effort on the part of Judge Daniel Wait Howe of Indianapolis, Indiana, to provide a short record for his children. Eventually Judge Howe found himself "taking in all known descendants of John How (2) of Sudbury and Marlborough. . . (and) the other lines." The project was launched at a family gathering of Howe descendants in 1871, in Framingham, Mass., and the work was then carried on over a 40-year period by Judge Howe. A definition of the name, "Howe," with variant English spellings, is given:

> "In England the names How, Howe and Howes seem originally to have been synonomous. In Lower's 'Patronymica Britannica', or 'Dictionary of the Family Names of the United Kingdom'. . .
>
> 'How, Howe, Howes. In the South a small round hill; in the North, a hollow place or plain. The mediaeval form is At How, generally synonymous with hill. A-Sax Hou, a mountain,' page 164."
>
> There is no evidence that those bearing the name Howes in the United States are related to those who have used the other spellings. They are mostly descendants of Thomas Howes of Yarmououth, Mass., and a genealogy of them was published in 1892. . . In the United States the spelling How was generally superseded by Howe about the time of the Revolution, although some descendants of James How still retain the old spelling."

Those Puritans who settled in Boston and environs were largely from Suffolk, as evidenced by the names given to New England towns where they lived. The Puritans, fleeing from persecution, often secretly, left under circumstances which made details of their former lives unavailable to descendants. For this reason and, given the unsettled conditions at the time in England, Gilman Howe felt that is would be difficult, if not impossible, to link New England Howes with their English forebearers.

Various coats of arms and other papers in the possession of Howe descendants (one of which was displayed in the Red Horse or Howe tavern in Sudbury, Mass., a place immortalized in Longfellow's poem, "The Wayside Inn") were investigated by experts, at the direction of Judge Howe and Gilman Howe. It was unanimously concluded that the documents were not authentic. Howe notes that genealogists (usually English) will often manage to find an English line, genuine or otherwise, for a generous client.

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(1) Daniel Wait Howe and Gilman Bigelow Howe, Howe Genealogies (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1929).

(2) The material gathered on John How descendants may have appeared in an earlier edition. The volume cited follows ABRAHAM, JAMES, and EDWARD.

Charles Hervey Townshend (3) of New Haven, Connecticut, nevertheless, found numerous references to the Hoos, alias Howes, of Hesset, Suffolk, England, in the Parish Register of Hesset which commenced in 1538. He wrote that the family resided at Hoo and held the copyright of Rougham Hall. Further evidence was found which shows that the Hoo and Bacon families built the church at Hesset. John Hoo and his wife Kathryn provided the vestry and chapel, which were finished before 1492, the year John Hoo's will was proved. A baptismal font at the west entrance to the church was evidently the gift of Robert Hoo (and wife Agnes) whose will was proved in 1510.

The fact that members of the Hoo family married into the Chaplin family, which came to New England, is cited as possible proof that this Hoo family may have been related to the New England Howes. Also, the pedigree of John Hoo is found in Davy, Suffolk Collection, in the British Museum. Cicily Hoo, sister of John, married John Bacon who might have built the tower of the Hesset church, which bears his initials. Presumably from the pedigree, Mr. Townshend learned that Queen Elizabeth's grandfather, Sir Thos. Boleyn, was the grandson of Ann, only daughter of Thos. Hoo, Lord Hoo and Hasting. He stated: "The Hoo family is very interesting, and can without doubt be connected with the Hows of Lynn and Boston. . . John and Robert Hoo were no doubt brothers. . . "

According to Gilman Howe, most of the Howes in this country today are descended from John of Sudbury and Marlborough, Abraham of Roxbury, Abraham of Watertown and Marlborough, Edward of Lynn and James of Roxbury and Ipswich. All of these men were Puritans and Englishmen and none appear to be related, except for James and Abraham of Roxbury, who were brothers. The details of their crossings are not known, except in the case of Edward of Lynn, who arrived in the Truelove in 1635.

Researchers have not been successful in tracing the English ancestry of John How, original proprietor of Sudbury and of Marlborough, Mass. Many of the Sudbury founders were first at Watertown, so it is not unreasonable to assume that Abraham How of Watertown and of Marlborough was somehow related to John. Abraham How married Hannah Ward and John's daughter Sarah married Samuel Ward. No relationship between these two Hows is found, however, by the Howe genealogists--which is not to say that none existed, or that they were not also related to James of Roxbury and Ipswich, from whom we trace our Howe line of Maine.

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(3) Gary Boyd Roberts, ed., English Origins of New England Families, Second Series, 3 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985): II:401

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NUMBERING SYSTEM

It is a common practice to follow only male descendants of a line and to complete one generation before continuing with the next one. Female children are named in the generation in which they appear, but not thereafter. This system is used in the first six generations of the manuscript because we are only following one line, the forebearers of Isaac(6) How. Children in each generation are given lower case Roman numerals and the child to be followed beyond that generation has an Arabic number in front of his name, which denotes the generation. For example:

6. viii. Isaac How, born 28 Jan. 1797.

Isaac How is the eighth child of the sixth generation of the line being followed and his line is continued. Only one person in each generation has been followed thus far--that is, James(1), John (2,3), Joseph(4), Ephraim(5), and Isaac(6) How.

With the seventh generation, the numbering becomes more complicated as all of the known descendants of Isaac and Rachel (Davis) How are listed. If I had adhered to usual genealogical custom, the Howe line would have ended with my ancestor in the eighth generation, Martha, since this is the end of my Howe line.

I wished to bring the line down to the latest generation, however, covering all known descendants, male and female, of the five children of Isaac and Rachel How. With the many name changes in the female lines, this could have been very confusing.

I therefore decided to take each of the five children in turn down to the present generation (or as close as possible) before proceeding to the next sibling. A slightly different numbering sytem was adopted at this point. Only Arabic numerals are used for generations seven through twelve, with the number before the decimal point denoting the generation and the number after it indicating the individual in that generation. Examples follow.

7.3. Samuel C. Howe, son of Isaac and Rachel How, is the third child in generation seven.

8.29. Thomas White, son of Rachel A. (Howe) White, is the 29th child in the eighth generation.

12.33. Donald Delorey, descendant of Mary E. (Howe) White, is the 33rd child in the twelfth generation.

Note that no allowance is made for adding names with this system. The lines of Isaac A. and Mary E. Howe span twelve generations, that of Ephraim W. Howe covers ten generations, while those of Samuel C. and Rachel A. Howe include only eight.

PART I: GENERATIONS ONE through FIVE

Generation One: James and Elizabeth (Dane) How of Ipswich, Mass.

Generation Two: John and Mary (Cooper) How of Topsfield, Mass.

Generation Three: John and Sarah (Caves) How of Middleton, Mass.

Generation Four: Joseph and Sarah (Sheldon) How of Wilmington, Mass., and Hollis, N.H.

Generation Five: Ephraim and Mary (Dodge?) How of Hollis, N.H.

GENERATION ONE

James How of Roxbury and Ipswich, Mass.(4)

The family record of Abraham How, son of James How, proves that James How of Roxbury and Ipswich and Abraham How of Roxbury were brothers and that they were the sons of Robert How of Hatfield Broadoak, Essex, England. James How probably came to these shores with his father-in-law, John Dane, about 1635-6, first settling in Roxbury, where he was admitted as a freeman 17 May 1637.

James How had married Elizabeth Dane, daughter of John, who names his daughter How in his will. This fact is further authenticated by the diary of Dr. John Dane, Jr., of Ipswich, Mass., who mentions his sister How and says she went as a little girl from Berkhamstead to Bishop Starford, Herts, England, where their father had a house.

The parish registers of Hatfield Broadoak commenced in 1550 and are in perfect condition except for one page. They contain the following entries:

1628. June 27. The marriage of James How of Hatfield and Elizabeth Dane of the Parish.
1629. May 14. The burial of an unbaptized child of James How.
1630. Mar. 13. The baptism of Elizabeth How, dau of James, d.--.
1633. Mar. 23. The baptism of James How, son of James.

James and Elizabeth How were members of Rev. John Eliot's church in Roxbury, although dates are not given in the records. Selling his property in Roxbury on 1 April 1641, James How, his wife and family, along with her father, John Dane, and his family moved to the new plantation of Ipswich, which was to be their permanent residence.

A Commoner there in 1641, James How was granted six acres of upland that year. In 1648 he was Town Constable and in 1649 was one of seven chosen as tax assessors. A farmer and weaver, James How was often styled Goodman How, a title of honor and respect. He was granted a tract of 100 acres in 1650 in "Ipswich Farms." He purchased other lands later, living in Ipswich for fifty-four years, until his death. The area where he lived was later called Linebrook Parish and land was set off there to his son James, Jr. His son John settled in Topsfield, but Abraham, the youngest son, stayed on at Ipswich.

In 1684, James and Elizabeth How were named members of the Topsfield church. She died on 21 January 1693-4 after 65 years and seven months of marriage.

James How divided his property among his children on January 12, 1699-1700. He died on 17 May 1702, probably about 96 years of age, judging from a deposition which had given his age as 61 in 1666.

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(4) D.W. Howe, Howe Genealogies: 153-6.

Children (5) of James and Elizabeth (Dane) How

i. an infant, bur. in England, 14 May 1629.
ii. ELIZABETH, bapt. in England, 31 mar. 1630; prob. died young.
iii. JAMES, bapt. 23 Mar. 1633; m. Elizabeth Jackson.
2. iv. JOHN, b. c1637.
v. MARY, b. c1638; m. Nehemiah Abbott.
vi. SARAH, b. c1646; m. John Bridges.
vii. ABRAHAM, b. c1649; m. Sarah Peabody.
viii. REBECCA, b. c1651; m. 1 May 1671 Stephen Barnard; d. 15 April 1725.

GENERATION TWO

John How (6) of Topsfield, Mass.

2. JOHN[2] HOW (James[1]), probably born in Roxbury about 1637, married 1st MARY COOPER, daughter of Peter, born in Rowley, Mass., 2 June 1642. She died 2 March 1676-7 and he married 2nd SARAH TOWNE, probable daughter of Edward Towne. Following her death, he married 3rd Mrs. SARAH DENNIS, widow of Thomas Dennis of Ipswich, Mass. An early settler of Topsfield, Mass., John How received land in the first division there. In addition, he held town offices: Selectman, Constable from 1675-8, and Town Clerk in 1679. He was Selectman in 1687, being called "Captain" that same year.

Other proofs of John How's residence in Topsfield include a deed to his brother Abraham, in which John refers to himself as a Topsfield resident (1684), and court records. He was fined in 1655 and his father appeared in court and paid. John and Ephraim How of Topsfield were witnesses on 19 August 1686 against one John Gould, who was charged with making seditious statements against the colony.

John How died on 16 Dec. 1728, aged 91 years. His will (dated 19 May 1725; proved 23 Dec. 1728) names his wife Sarah, sons John, Benjamin, and Joseph, and his daughters Lydia, Sarah, and Ann, and grandson Isaac, son of Lydia.

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(5) Howe Genealogies: 155-6.

(6) Ibid: 159-60.

Children (7) born in Topsfield:

i. SARAH, b. 12 Aug. 1665; m. 2 Mar. 1685, John Thurlow.
ii. MARK, b. 17 Dec. 1666; d. before 1725.
3. iii. JOHN, b. 3 Mar. 1669.
iv. ANN, b. 6 Mar. 1672.
v. SAMUEL, b. 27 Mar. 1676; d. before 1725.
Second marriage:
vi. JOSEPH, b. 28 April 1679; d. young.
vii. MARY, d. before 1725.
viii. ELIZABETH, b. 22 Mar. 1682-3; d. before 1725.
ix. LYDIA, b. 20 Dec. 1686; d. 14 May 1732. Her son named Isaac Cummings was born 4 Dec. 1719; d. Louisburg, 1746.
x. BENJAMIN, b. 5 Jan. 1688; m. Alice Bridges, 6 Dec. 1711.
xi. HANNAH, b. 1 Mar. 1690-1; d. 1 Nov. 1695.
xii. ABIGAIL, b. 6 Aug. 1692; d. before 1725.
xiii. JOSEPH, b. 30 Sept. 1697; m. 2 April 1729, Mrs. Phebe Perkins Goodhall, wid. of Thomas; d. 27 Feb. 1742.

GENERATION THREE

John Howe (8) of Middleton, Mass.

3. JOHN[3] HOW (John,[2] James[1]) was born in Topsfield, Mass., 3 March 1669; married 27 Sept. 1697, SARAH CAVES. A deed in the Salem Registry dated 1731-2 from John How of Middleton to his son Mark, also of Middleton, places the family in the new township which was organized in 1728 from parts of Topsfield and neighboring towns. They did not move; however, place names and boundaries changed. Without doubt, John How of Middleton was the son of Captain John How of Topsfield.

Children (8) born in Boxford:

i. MARK, b. 18 April 1701; m. 1st Lydia Wilkins; 2nd Dorothy ---; 3rd Mary Stevens; 4th Mrs. Eunice Kenney; d. c1778.
ii. MARY, b. 3 April 1703; d. young.
iii. SARAH, bapt. Topsfield, 7 April 1706; m. Ebenezer Stiles of Temple, NH.
iv. JOHN, bapt. 6 Mar. 1708-9; m. 6 May 1736 Mary Daggett; d. 2 Mar. 1776-7.
v. MARY, bapt. in 1711; m. 13 Jan. ~~1737~~ 1730-1, Samuel Farnum of Andover, Mass.
vi. ZERUIAH, bapt. 15 May 1715; m. 21 April 1737, Paul Averill of Topsfield.
4. vii. JOSEPH, b. 7 Oct. 1719.

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(7) D.W. Howe: 160.

(8) Ibid: 162-3.

GENERATION FOUR

Joseph How (9) of Middleton and Wilmington, Mass., and Hollis, N.H.

4. JOSEPH[4] HOW (John[3], John[2], James[1]), youngest child of John How and Sarah Caves, was born in Boxford, Mass., 7 Oct. 1719, and baptized at Topsfield, 27 Dec. 1719 (10). He married 16 Feb. 1743 at Salem, Mass., SARAH SHELDON (daughter of Ephraim Sheldon and Isabella Haynes), bapt. 5 Sept. 1725 (11) at Marblehead, Mass. Administration of the estate of Joseph How (12) was granted to his oldest son Ephraim How, 30 Aug. 1780. No death record is found for either Joseph or Sarah (Sheldon) How.

They resided in Middleton, Mass., where seven of their children were born, moving to Wilmington about 1760, where two more children were born.

Joseph How was living in Wilmington, Mass ., in 1771 (13) according to the tax list of that year. There were two polls in his household (apparently himself and his son Ephraim). He had "one house and shops adjoining," and an annual worth of one pound. His livestock consisted of one horse, two oxen, one cow, and seven goats and sheep. He had four acres of pasture, which would keep one cow, and he also had one acre of tillage from which he produced ten bushels of grain per year. One acre of English and upland mowing land yielded a ton of hay, while two acres of fresh meadow brought him two additional tons of fresh meadow hay that year.

No record of a sale is found, but the How family was in Hollis, N.H., by 1775, when town records list Ephraim and Joseph How as taxpayers there (14). Joseph had acquired another farm on the banks of the Nashua River, some 65 acres of land, described on an 1813 deed (15) at which time Ephraim How conveyed the property to his cousin, Nathaniel How of Marblehead.

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(9) D.W.Howe: 171.

(10) Vital Records of Topsfield, Mass.; Births: 60.

(11) Vital Records of Marblehead, Mass.; Births: 466.

(12) Joseph How, Administration of Estate, 1780; Hillsborough County Probate Court, Nashua, N.H.

(13) Bettye Hobbs Pruitt, The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771 (Boston: G.K. Hall, 1978), 292-3.

(14) Samuel T. Worcester, History of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire (Boston: A. Williams & Co., 1879), 136-7.

(15) #510, Howe to Howe, Hillsborough County Register of Deeds, Nashua, N.H.

Joseph, Ephraim, and John How all served in the Revolutionary War, as the Hollis town records show (16). It is not unlikely that there were two Joseph How's who served, Sr. and Jr., since Joseph How, Sr., was 56 years old in 1775 and the upper age limit for serving in the militia was 60 years. In fact, many men were over that age.

Hollis cemetery records (17) show the following entries for How:

> How, Jos., Nichol's N.H. Mil. Rev. War. (no date).
> How, Ephriam, 3rd N.H. Mil. Rev. War. (no date).
> How, Mary, w. Ephriam, Aug. 27, 1832, a.68.

These records show that Joseph How and his son Ephraim and daughter-in-law were buried in Hollis. Since there are no records for Sarah (Sheldon) How, her other children, or Ephraim's children, we can assume that they died and were buried elsewhere.

The entry for Joseph How, Sr. or Jr., indicates that one of them served under Colonel Nichols. This service could have been either at Bennington, Vermont, in 1777 (18), or at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1778 (19). Rhode Island is ruled out , however, if we believe the Hollis record which lists only a John How (20)in that campaign. (John How also served at Ticonderoga for six months in 1776 (21), Capt. Daniel Emerson's company, Col. Wingate's regiment.)

A Joseph How served at Winter Hill, Boston, from December, 1775-March, 1776 (22), after General Washington's request for 31 New Hampshire companies. No roll exists for the 26th company, composed largely of Hollis men and commanded by Noah Webster, Captain, but the name of Joseph How is found on one of two payroll lists which survived. This could have been Joseph How, Sr.,* whose son Ephraim was in Cambridge at that time.

Both Joseph and Ephraim How were present at the victorious battle of Bennington, Vermont, 16 August, 1777 (23). A brigade of three New Hampshire regiments responded to the call, following the fall of Fort Ticonderoga. Leaving Hollis on July 20, 1777, they engaged the British at Bennington, then marched on to Stillwater, New York, where they were discharged on 28 September.

*Joseph How, Jr., was not on the 1775 tax list of Hollis, so it was probably Joseph, Sr., who served.

(16) D.W. Howe: 171

(17) Hollis Cemetery Records: 11

(18) History of the Town of Hollis: 14:164-5.

(19) Ibid: 174-5.

(20) Ibid: 179.

(21) Ibid.

(22) Ibid: 157-8.

(23) Ibid: 174-5.

Two of the three New Hampshire regiments were composed of ten companies each and the other had five companies. In the regiment of Col. Nichols of Amherst, the sixth company was commanded by Capt. John Goss and Lt. David Wallingford of Hollis. There were 42 Hollis enlisted men in that company, including Joseph and Ephraim How, whose pay for those two months and nine days of service was 234 pounds each.

If Joseph How was in the sixth company of Colonel Nichols' third regiment of New Hampshire men, then the gravestone inscription, "Nichols' 3rd N.H. Mil. Rev. War," is exlained. Although Joseph How's name appears on the payroll sheet, no Joseph How is credited with service at Bennington in the composite list (24) compiled by Worcester:

> How, Ephraim, '75, Cambridge, Bunker Hill, 3 months; 8 months, '77, Bennington.
> How, John, '76,Ticonderoga, 6 months; '78, Rhode Island, 22 days.
> How, Joseph, '75, Cambridge, 3 months.

The family of Joseph How was well represented in the struggle for independence. Joseph How, Sr., was not to see the end of the conflict, however, as he died probably suddenly and unexpectedly in the summer of 1780. He was sixty-one years old, considerably younger than his father, grandfather, or great-grandfather at their deaths.

As previously noted, the estate was administered by Ephraim How, the oldest son, in August, 1780. The inventory (25) taken by William Pool and Jacob Jewet, Jr., lists personal property, livestock, and real estate valued at over 700 pounds and 96 pounds in lawful money.

Children of Joseph and Sarah (Sheldon) How: (26)

i. SARAH (27), b. 9 Oct. 1744; m. Richard Adams (?)
ii. LYDIA, b. 13 July 1748; d. young.
iii. ASIBAL, b. 11 Sept. 1750; not living in 1780.
5. iv. EPHRAIM, b. 18 May 1753.
v. JOSEPH, b. 26 Aug. 1754.
vi. JOHN, b. 11 Dec. 1755.
vii. LYDIA, b. 27 Jan. 1759; m. --- Bradley(?) (28).
viii. PHEBE, b. in Wilmington, 4 May 1762.
ix. MARY/MOLLY, b. 6 June 1764; m. 2 May 1784, Henry Butterfield of Dunstable, Mass.

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(24) History of Hollis: 205.

(25) Joseph How: Administration of Estate, 1780, Hillsborough County Probate Court; Nashua, New Hampshire.

(26) Howe Genealogies: 171.

(27) A Sarah How of Hollis, N.H., m. 6 May 1779, Rcihard Adams of Dunstable, N.H. Ch. b. Dunstable, Mass.: Richard, b. 6 Nov. 1780; William, b. 28 May 1789.(Vital Records of Dunstable, Mass.)

(28) A Lydia Bradley witnessed one of Ephraim Howe's Revolutionary War application papers.

Administration of the Estate
of
JOSEPH HOW, 1780

Hillsborough County Probate Court
Nashua, New Hampshire

Administration of the estate of Joseph How late of Holles deceased was granted unto Ephraim How the eldest son. At the same time a warrant issued to William Pool and Jacob Jewet Jun'r to appraise the deceased's estate who upon their oath before Noah Worcester Esq'r made the following return July 22, 1780. The administratrix took the usual oath before the Judge August 30 1780 - viz -

To 2 pewter platters Ł3-gold dish-3.6-old pewter 6/	Ł5.1.3
To 1 porrenger 1 bason 2 platters very old	1.5.6
To old iron Ł7.0.3 yoke irons Ł1.2.6 a sickle 7/6	8.10.3
To a prow plain iron an old ax an old hoe	3.0.0
To a cowbell Ł1.5 iron box & heaters Ł2.5 sha--Ł1.2.6	4.12.6
To a set of cart boxes Ł2.5/3 wedges rings Ł1.17	4.2.0
To an iron bar Ł4.10 hatchet Ł2.12.6 hand irons Ł2.5	10.17.6
To a pair of tongs & peal Ł3 a hamer Ł2.5	5.5.0
To a pair of old cart wheels clovis & pin	10.0.0
To an old bedcord 7/6 a sive 5/ grindstone & crank Ł2.5	2.17.6
To a wooden bottle 7/6 a glass bottle 10/	0.17.6
To 4 old barrels Ł2.12.6 one brine tub a wash tub Ł1.2.6	3.15.0
To an old mortar & pestle 15/ salt cellar 5/	1.0.0
To a corn basket 10/ old bridle 11/3 half bushel 15/	1.16.3
To a clock reel Ł1.2.6 three old chairs 11/3	1.13.9
To an old table Ł1.2.6 an old chest Ł1.2.6 a pail 1/6	2.12.6
To a loom Ł6.15 some cords Ł2.16.0	9.11.0
To a candlestick 5/ 2 pitchforks Ł1.2.6 hames traces Ł4	5.7.6
To an iron pot and a kettle Ł1.15 a skillet 10/	2.5.0
To some old clothing Ł1.5 a hat 11/6	1.16.6
To 15 # old pigeon feathers Ł4.10 sleeve buttons 13/6	5.3.4
To a strait bodied coat Ł13.10 sheeps wool Ł1.5	14.15.0
To one cow Ł22.10 pair steers Ł36	58.10.0
To 2 heifers Ł27 one old horse Ł3.15	30.15.0
To 2 shoats L9 a sheep and lamb Ł3.15	12.15.0
To land and buildings	500.0.0
Total	Ł723.5
In silver old tenor	
In lawful money	Ł 96.0

As taken by us the subscribers
July 22, 1780 William Pool
Jacob Jewet Jr. Appraisers

Figure 1. Inventory of the estate of Joseph How, 1780.

GENERATION FIVE

Ephraim How of Middleton and Wilmington, Mass., and Hollis, N.H.

5.4. EPHRAIM[5] HOW (Joseph[4], John[3], John[2], James[1]) was born in Middleton, Mass., 18 May 1753 (29); married Mary ---. He moved with his father and family to Wilmington, Mass., about 1760 and to Hollis, N.H., between 1771-1774.

Both Ephraim How and his father, Joseph How, were taxpayers (30) in Hollis on 1 Jan. 1775, living on the east side of town. The assessment was for the previous year and was the last one collected in the name of the King.

News of the advancement of British troops under Lt. Col. Smith (31) through Boston and Cambridge, headed for Lexington and Concord, reached Hollis about noon of April 19, 1775. Officers were selected that afternoon: Captain Reuben Dow, 1st Lieutenant John Goss, and 2nd Lieutenant John Cumings. Pvt. Ephraim How was one of the 92 Minute Men who marched in this company from Hollis later in the afternoon of the same day. Some returned to Hollis after a few days, but Ephraim How was one of eight men from Hollis who re-enlisted, joining the company of Captain Levi Spalding of Nottingham West (later Hudson), Colonel Reed's regiment, and serving eight months more, including the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The Minute Men were paid the equivalent of 24 cents a day (32) in federal money, plus one penny a mile each way for travel, or about seven shillings for the 84-mile trip from Hollis to Boston and back. The captain received about 75 cents per day and the sergeants less than 30 cents.

On the night of the 16th of June, 1775 (33) Captain Spalding's company and that of Captain Moor of Groton, Mass., joined the regiment of Colonel William Prescott, with detachments from two or three other regiments, marching from Cambridge to Charlestown with entrenching tools to throw up a redoubt on the hill where the battle would be fought the next day. It was Colonel Prescott's decision that the men who fortified the hill should defend it, knowing that they would want to do so. Consequently, a tired, hot, and probably hungry and thirsty group fought the bloody battle, unrelieved by fresh troops. The war was barely two months old and the Yankee spirit was determined.

It is not clear why Dow's New Hampshire company (34)joined the Massachusetts regiment of Colonel William Prescott, except that they were all friends and neighbors from adjoining towns. Hollis, Pepperell (Prescott's home), Groton, and other Middlesex County towns were once part of the large Dunstable grant.

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(29) D.W. Howe: 180-1.

(30) History of the Town of Hollis: 136-7.

(31) Ibid: 146-7.

(32) Ibid: 148.

(33) Ibid: 152-3.

(34) Ibid: 156.

The men furnished all their own equipment (35) and each was supplied with a gun, blanket, knapsack, tump-line and good clothing. Many items were lost or destroyed in battle, as the returns of losses at Bunker Hill show. Eight Hollis men in Capt. Spalding's company, Col. Reed's regiment, lost equipment. Ephraim How lost a gun, breeches, and a shirt.

More information about the life of Ephraim How is learned from town and census records and from his pension record. Ephraim married MARY (last name unknown) in Hollis (36), although no record of the marriage is found. The year of Mary's birth (1764) is deduced from the cemetery record at Hollis, previously noted. An attorney collected Ephraim's last pension check (37) on Sept. 12, 1837. Since he was paid bi-annually, Ephraim must have died between September, 1837, and February or early March, 1838.

The children of Ephraim and Mary How(38):

i. NICHOLAS DODGE, b. 12 May 1781; m. Anna French of Hollis, 5 Sept. 1802; d. 16 November 1828, Charlestown, Mass. (39)

Children (40):

1. Nicholas, b.11 Jan. 1803, Hollis; marr. Wealthy Pettingill; res. Charlestown and Andover, Mass.
2. Nancy, b. Merrimack, NH, 18 Oct. 1804; marr. Perez Jacobs of Charlestown, Mass.
3. Dorcas, b. Merrimack, 30 Aug. 1806; marr. Stephen Fuller of Charlestown, Mass.

ii. EPHRAIM, b. 19 April 1783; marr. Mary Blanchard of Tewksbury, Mass., 1 Aug. 1805 (Salem VR, p.521)

iii. MARY, b. 26 June 1785

iv. BETSY (Elizabeth), b. 30, May 1787; marr. Jonathan West 7 Dec. 1806, Salem, Mass (Salem VR, p.521).

v. JOHN, b. 11 Oct. 1789.

vi. JOSEPH, b. 16 Feb. 1792.

vii. SARAH (Sally), b. 16 June 1794; marr. Jonas Adams, 8 Oct. 1815, Marblehead, Mass. (Marblehead VR, p.7); Children, surname Adams, b. Dunstable, Mass.: 1. Jonas, 16 Oct. 1816; 2. William, 18 Feb. 1822; 3. Mary T., 31 Mar. 1826; 4. Isaac, 5 Sept. 1828; 5. Julia Ann, 30 June 1831; 6. John, 26 Aug. 1833 (Dunstable, Mass. VR, pp7,8).

6. viii. ISAAC, b. 28 Dec. 1797; marr. 6 Oct. 1817, RACHEL DAVIS, Bucksport, Maine (Bucksport VR).

ix. SAMUEL, b. 25 Aug. 1799.

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(35) History of Hollis: 156.

(36) Vital Records, Concord, N.H.: Box 498.

(37) Receipt signed by James Tyler, Attorney, of Pelham, N.H., at the Pension Agency in Concord, N.H.

(38) Howe Genealogies: 180-1.

(39) Charlestown VR.

(40) Howe: 200.

The wife of Ephraim How may have been Mary Dodge, daughter of Nicholas and Experience (Woodbury) Dodge, b. 9 Dec. 1758, in Boxford, Mass. Nicholas Dodge was a cooper in Beverly until December, 1752, when he sold his 160-acre farm to William Sears and, in March, 1763, bought another 160-acre farm in Boxford, Mass. He was a farmer in Boxford until October, 1775, at which time he sold his Boxford property and moved to Londonderry, New Hampshire. He signed the 1776 New Hampshire Association Test, then of Londonderry. The will of Nicholas Dodge, written 10 June 1780, names his wife Experience and all of his children, except Anna, wife of Mark How, who was named executor. His daughter MOLLEY was given land to be divided equally with her brother Caleb.

Possible Validation of Mary Dodge, daughter of Nicholas and Experience, as wife of Ephraim How is seen in the following:

Ephraim and Mary How named their first child "Nicholas Dodge How."

Mary Dodge was the right age to be the wife of Ephraim How. Mary or "Molley" Dodge was born in Dec., 1758, and would have been about 22 years old in 1780 at the time of her proposed marriage to Ephraim How. Although the gravestone record at Hollis, N.H., gives her age at her death in August, 1832, as 68 (born in 1764?), the 1764 birth date would make her a bride at sixteen, which is too young for her time and circumstances.

Mary Dodge was called "Molley," as was the daughter of Ephraim and Mary How (see marriage record at Hollis.).

Nicholas Dodge was in Boxford for several years and knew the How family.

Mark How , cousin of Ephraim How, married Anna Dodge, daughter of Nicholas and Experience Dodge. (Mark was the son of John How and Ephraim was the son of Joseph How, brother of John.)

Three of the How children have names used in the family of Nicholas Dodge: Nicholas, Mary, and Isaac.

Nicholas Dodge and his family were living in New Hampshire in 1780, when Ephraim and Mary How were married in N.H.

If Mary Dodge was the wife of Ephraim How, the line is as follows(41):

First Generation: William Dodge, son of John and Margery Dodge, born in Somersetshire , England, c1604; came to Salem, Mass., in 1629; married (wife's name unknown); d. 1685-1692.

Second Generation: Capt. William Dodge, second son of William Dodge, b. 19 Sept. 1640; m. (2) Joanna (Hale) Larkin, dau. of Deacon Robert Hale of Charlestown, 26 May 1685; d. 24 Mar. 1720.

Third Generation: Robert Dodge, b. 9 Oct. 1686; marr. (pub.) 26 June 1709, Lydia Woodbury, dau. Isaac and Elizabeth (Herrick) Woodbury.

Fourth Generation: Nicholas Dodge, b. 16 April 1728; marr. 3 Mar. 1752, Experience Woodbury, dau. of Samuel and Hannah (Dodge) Woodbury; will proved 15 June 1785; resided Beverly and Boxford, Mass., and Londonderry, N.H.

Fifth Generation: Mary (Molly) Dodge was born 9 Dec. 1758; marr. c1780, Ephraim How of Hollis, N.H.; d. Hollis, August, 1832.

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(41) Joseph Thompson Dodge. Genealogy of the Dodge Family (Democrat Printing Company. Madison, Wisconsin: 1894), pp 13-59.

Census Records. Ephraim How was in Hollis in 1790 (42) with six children at home. Ten years later (43), still in Hollis, three sons had left, but there were six children at home. By 1810 (44), there were four, probably Samuel, Isaac, Joseph, and Sally. Nicholas How (45) was head of his household in Dunstable, N.H. In Salem, Mass., in 1820 (46), Ephraim and Mary were alone and living in the North Field section, as was their son, Ephraim, Jr.(47).

Ephraim and Mary How, according to his pension claim, lived in Marblehead, Mass., from about 1811-14; moved next to Salem, Mass., where they remained for two more years (about 1814-16); then returned to Hollis, New Hampshire, to stay. They were in Dunstable, N.H., in 1830 (48), the last year they appear on census records.

Pension Records. The Pension Act of 1832 allowed compensation for those who had served in the Revolutionary War; most veterans were either dead or elderly by then. On August 17, 1832, at the Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, Probate Court House in Amherst, Ephraim How (49), then 78 years old, applied for a pension. He gave as character witnesses: Nathaniel Jewett, Jesse Worcester, Benjamin M. Farly, Esq., Dr. Noah Hardy; he signed his name by mark.

Ephraim, lacking his birth record, swore that the event was recorded in the town record book of "Middletown," as it was.He could not remember that he had everreceived a discharge paper. Required to name some of the regular officers of the troops where he served, he recalled (50) "Capt. Archelaus Town. I have seen Gen. Lee (?) and Gen. Washington at Winter Hill. Capt. Daniel Emerson." He stated further: "In my campaign to Cambridge, I volunteered. At Ticonderoga, I was a substitute for Joseph Fletcher, after for Thomas Fletcher, both of Dunstable, Mass." (Two years into the war, Ephraim may have needed the money.)

Credited with ten months and eight days of service (See Figure 4), he was given a yearly stipend of $34.13 (to be made in two payments, in March and September). The award was retroactive to 4 March 1831 and Ephraim's first payment of $85.32 ($68.26 in back payments, plus $17.06 for the first six months, Sept. 1832-Mar. 1833) must have seemed munificent.

Unfortunately, Mary How had died on 27 August 1832, about two weeks after Ephraim applied for his pension. He outlived his wife by nearly five years, having collected a grand total of $222.00 at the time of his death.

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(42) Census Record, Hillsborough Co., Hollis, N.H., 1790:047

(43) Ibid, 1800:549.

(44) Ibid, 1810:595.

(45) Ibid:545.

(46) Ibid., Essex Co., Salem, Mass, 1820:024.

(47) Ibid:047.

(48) Ibid., Hillsborough Co., Dunstable, N.H., 1830:339.

(49) General Services Administration, Washington, DC, Pension Claim No. S10843. (See Figure 3.).

(50) Ibid.

HOWE to HOWE

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Hillsborough County Register of Deeds
Nashua, New Hampshire

Know all men by these presents that I Ephraim Howe of Holles in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire husbandman in consideration of eight hundred dollars to me paid by Nathaniel Howe of Marblehead in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentleman The receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have given, granted, sold and conveyed, and do for my self and my heirs by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Nathaniel Howe his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situate in the easterly part of said Holles and bounded as follows

begining at the bank of Nashua River of the northeast corner of the premises by a red oak tree adjoining land of Jacob Spaulding's thence westerly by said Spauldings land about two hundred rods to a stake and stones at the road leading from David Rideout's to said Spauldings thence by said road about seventeen rods to a stake and stones by land improved by Benjamin Austin thence easterly by said Austins land about forty rods to a stake and stones thence southerly by B. Austins land about forty seven rods to a white pine tree with stones about it thence easterly by land of William Reads about one hundred and sixty rods to a stake and stones on the bank of said River thence down said River about sixty two rods to the bound first mentioned containing about sixty five acres be the same more or less -- to have and to hold the aforedescribed premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Nathaniel Howe his heirs and assigns That I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforedescribed premises That they are free of all incumbrances That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Nathaniel in manner aforesaid. And that I and my heirs will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Nathaniel Howe his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons In Witness whereof I the said Ephraim Howe have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Benja. Pool — Ephraim Howe (seal)
Samuel Howe — Mary (x) Howe (seal)
mark

Hillsborough Co Holles Jany 30th 1813

Written on the margin: 14 Apl 1813 Del'd to Mr. Lemuel Wright Jr. the bearer.

Note:

Nathaniel Howe was born 19 Feb. 1766, Ipswich, Mass., to Nathaniel and Hannah (Emerson) Howe. He was the grandson of Mark (brother of Joseph How) and Hepzibah (Perkins) Howe and the great-grandson of John, Jr., and Sarah (Caves) How. Nathaniel Howe married Mehitable Green of Marblehead, Mass., 20 Jan. 1793. No children. (See Howe Genealogies: Fourth Generation, p. 175.)

Figure 2. Sale of the Hollis, N.H., farm of Ephraim How.

State of New-Hampshire:

~~Commonwealth of Massachusetts.~~

County of Hillsborough ss.

On this Twenty Seventh day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of ~~[illegible]~~ now sitting at Amherst within and for the County of Hillsborough in the ~~[illegible]~~ aforesaid State — Ephraim How of Hills in said County aged 78 years

Who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following names, officers, and served as herein stated. That is to say

1 That in the Spring AD 1775 he enlisted in Capt Lew Spauldings Company in Colo James Reeds Regt for the Sum of eight months to serve at Cambridge and Charleston Mass he was stationed at Winter hill and continued with his Company untill he compleated eight months service and was dismissed —

2d In the year AD 1776 he enlisted to go to Tuonderoga for five months, in the Company of Capt Daniel Emerson Obediah Parker Lt Wm Merrill 2d Lt and Grimes Ensign in Colo Wingates Regt Connor Lt Colo and Baker Major he proceeded with his Company to Tuonderoga and with them served out his Term of five months and was dismissed —

He does not remember that any discharge was ever given to him. —

Figure 3. Ephraim How's application for pension.

BRIEF in the case of Ephraim How
of Hollis **in the State of** New Hampshire
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? Court

2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily

3. How old is he? 75 Years

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

	Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
		Years,	Months,	Days.	As a	Gen.
Spring	In 1775	"	8	"	Private	Capt Spaulding Col Reed
	76	"	2	8	Private	" Emerson " Wingate
			10 -	8		

5. In what battles was he engaged? None Stated

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? Hollis New Hampshire

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? [a] living witnesses, & incidental evidence on the roll

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? witnesses not sufficiently credited & c & c & the papers not properly attested ~~[illegible]~~

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

J. C. Addison
Examining Clerk.

[a] Witness sets forth a term which the applicant has omitted to state in his declaration

Figure 4. Addendum to Ephraim How's pension application.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE

County ss. BE IT KNOWN, That before me, William
...s a Justice of the Peace, in and
aforesaid, personally appeared Ephraim How and
ie form of law, that he is the identical Ephraim How
ginal Certificate in his possession, (of which I certify) the following is a true copy:

NO. 10.011

"War Department,

REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM.

That, in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 7th June, 1832,—
...raim How of the State of New Hampshire
Private in the Army of the Revolution,
...ive Thirty four Dollars and Thirteen Cents
...ing his natural life, commencing on the 4th of March, 1831, and payable semi annually on
...h, and 4th of September in every year.

...Office of the United States, this Fifteenth day of March
...ight hundred and Thirty three

Lew Cass Secretary of War.

...and } J. L. EDWARDS.
...igned } Commissioner of Pensions.

...t he served in Capt Shaulding's Company
...ead's Regiment in the Army of the Revolution

; that he now resides in
Hollis and has resided there for the space of Six years
...d that previous thereto he resided in Salem — Marblehead — Beverly
...on Mass. & in Dunstable & Hollis N.H.

Ephraim How

...ubscribed this fourth day of September 1837
...e me

Justice of the Peace.

Wm. Ames

Know all Men by these Presents, That I,
Ephraim How a
Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, do hereby constitute and appoint James
Tyler of Pelham my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my
name, to receive from the Agent of the United States, for paying Pensions in Concord
State of New-Hampshire. my Pension from the Fourth day of
March 1837 to the Fourth day of September 1837
Witness my hand and seal, this fourth day of September 1837
Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of

Wm. Ames
Lydia Bradley

Ephraim How

State of New-Hampshire, } SS.
Hillsborough County, }
BE IT KNOWN, that on the fourth day of September
1837 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, personally appeared Ephraim
How, abovenamed and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be his act and deed
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and the year last above mentioned.

Wm. Ames Justice of the Peace.

State of New-Hampshire, } SS.
County, }
BE IT KNOWN, That on the 18th day of
September 1837 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, personally
appeared James Tyler the Attorney named in the foregoing Power of Attorney, and made
oath, that the same was not given him by reason of any sale, transfer, or mortgage, of the pension, or arrears of pension
therein authorized to be received by him.

James Tyler

Sworn and Subscribed the day and the year last above mentioned,—Before me,

David Cutter Justice of the Peace.

Figure 5. Ephraim How assigned power of attorney to James Tyler of Pelham, N.H.

PART II: A HOWE FAMILY in MAINE

Generation Six: Isaac and Rachel (Davis) Howe of Bucksport, Northport, and Calais, Maine.

Generation Seven - Children of Isaac and Rachel Howe:

Isaac Almon Howe and Lorana Lunt.
Ephraim W. and Barbara A. (Loverens) Howe.
Samuel C. and (1)Elizabeth Howe; (2) Nancy J. (Woodcock) Howe.
Mary E. Howe and George S.S. White.
Rachel A. Howe and Benjamin F. White.

From New Hampshire to Maine

The eighth child of Ephraim and Mary How of Hollis, New Hampshire, was Isaac, born in Hollis, 28 December 1797. He was out of the family home and perhaps on his own by the age of sixteen, according to census records. For whatever his reasons, he left Hollis and went to Bucksport, Hancock County, Maine, where he married Rachel Davis, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Lawrence) Davis, in October, 1817. Their first son, Isaac Almon Howe, was born in Bucksport 24 March 1818. This birth was registered with the town clerk there three years later.

The family was in Northport, Waldo County, Maine, in March, 1822, when their second son, Ephraim West Howe, was born. Two (perhaps three) more children were born in Northport between 1822-1828. Court records place Isaac How in Calais, Washington County, Maine, by 1829. He leased property there in June, 1830, and the census record of that year shows the family living at Calais. No record of Isaac How's death is found, but a long list of court appearances between 1829-1837 attest to frequent and sometimes violent disputes in which he was involved. He may have died suddenly in 1837, for his widow was remarried and the mother of a daughter, Olive Folsom, by October, 1838.

Two of the three sons of Isaac and Rachel How were in Brewer, Penobscot County, before 1850, where they married and started families. Isaac, Jr., returned to Washington County before 1860 and Ephraim returned a few years later. Census, military and pension, land and property, and some vital records are the sources from which their lives are documented.

Of the five surviving children of Isaac and Rachel How, Ephraim W. Howe left the most complete set of records. This was perhaps true in part because he lived so long, but, also, because of his many property transactions and his attempts to obtain a military pension. On census records, he gave detailed answers. It was he who provided the information so vital to proving the link between the fifth and sixth generations—his father was born in New Hampshire.

Mary E. Howe, Ephraim's sister, is seen quite clearly from the land and property records she left behind. Isaac A. and Samuel C. Howe led more private lives, often difficult to trace. Isaac literally "took to the woods," while Samuel left the State after the war. Their baby sister, Rachel Ann, married at seventeen and dead before she was thirty, is perceived with more sympathy than understanding.

Samuel C. Howe may have started a family movement away from Maine. There is evidence that some of his nephew William's family joined him in Minnesota. The two youngest children of Isaac and Lorana Howe also apparently left early and may have been followed in the move by their brother Ira. Those who had put down the deepest roots stayed on, their heritage one of perseverance, toughness, and a demonstrated ability to survive.

GENERATION SIX

Establishing the Links between Generations Five, Six, and Seven

Working Forward from Generation Five. The Howe genealogy took our Howe (51) line from James How, the immigrant, through the births of the children of Ephraim and Mary How in Hollis, New Hampshire, the sixth generation. D.W. Howe had been able to follow the line of only the first child, Nicholas, through a seventh generation. The eighth child of Ephraim and Mary How was Isaac, born 28 December 1797. He had brothers named Ephraim and Samuel--names which appeared in Calais and in Topsfield, Washington County, Maine, beginning with the 1850 census. It seemed likely that this was our Howe line.

The 1820 census index (52) shows an Isaac Howe at Bucksport, Hancock County, Maine, but the town clerk initially could find no vital records under that name. There are , however, two Isaac Howes shown on the 1830 Maine census, one in Calais (53), Washington County, and one in Greenwood, Oxford County (54).

An inspection of the 1830 census revealed that there were two Isaac Howes of Greenwood, Sr. and Jr. (55), and that each had a male in his household born between 1810-1815. There was, for some reason, no Isaac Howe at all on the 1840 Maine census.

Checking further, it was learned (56) that Isaac, Thompson and Ira Howe of Greenwood were the sons of Isaac Howe and Rachel Merrill of Chester, New Hampshire, who had been married (int.) 12 Jan. 1797. This accounted for the two Isaac Howes on the 1830 census at Greenwood. It also suggested that Isaac, Jr., could have been born about December, 1797, at the same time as Isaac How(e) of Hollis, New Hampshire. There were, therefore, two Isaac Howes born in New Hampshire at about the same time who had moved to Maine. Although it seemed clear from the census records that Isaac Howe of Greenwood could not be our ancestor, further research was done.

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(51) An "e" is added to the name with this generation.

(52) Maine Census, 1820:708.

(53) Ibid., 1830:209.

(54) Ibid., 158.

(55) Considerable effort was spent in researching the Greenwood Howes because Arthur G. Brown, my father, had said his mother was Martha Howe of Locke's Mills, Maine--a town next to Greenwood. He was only half right; she was Martha Howe, but she was not of Locke's Mills.

(56) D.W. Howe, pp 44, 77.

Census records for 1850 and 1860 showed an Isaac Howe in Oxford County, Woodstock, Maine. He was born in 1832 and had a wife, Sarah, born in 1834. His identity was established through the marriage record of his son, William Howe, who married Lizzie Packard, 14 May 1894 (57) in Woodstock. William was the son of Isaac Howe, born in Greenwood, and Sarah Bryant, born in Woodstock. Further, George Howe, 40 and unmarried, another son of Isaac and Sarah Howe, died in Woodstock in 1897. Isaac Howe of Woodstock was apparently a son of one of the Greenwood Howes and, since he was born in 1832, he was too young in 1840 to appear on the census record. It was obvious that the Greenwood Howe line was not the right one and that left Isaac Howe who was in Calais in 1830.

Working Backward. Given the knowledge that Isaac A. and Lorana Howe were in Washington County at least from 1860-1880 (58), it appeared that Isaac How of Calais was a good prospect as father of Isaac A. Howe.

The 1830 census record (59) and other documentary evidence (shown later) allowed us to propose the following family group at Calais in 1830:

Isaac Howe, Sr. (33)
Rachel Davis Howe (34)
Isaac A. Howe (12)
A daughter, (5-10)
Ephraim Howe (8)
Samuel Howe (6)
Mary Ellen Howe (2)
Three unidentified males, 20-30 (was one Benjamin Folsom?)

Census records prior to 1850 do not give names of family members, except for heads of households, nor exact ages. We hypothesized further, by combining the census record and our proposed family unit, that the household of Benjamin Folsom (60) of Calais in 1840, ten years later, was as follows:

Benjamin Folsom (36)
Isaac A. Howe (22)
Ephraim W.Howe (18)
Samuel C. Howe (16)
Rachel (Howe) Folsom (42)
Mary Ellen Howe (12)
Rachel Ann Howe (6)
Olive Folsom (1)
An unidentified male (30-40)

The daughter born between 1820-1825 had either married and left, or perhaps had died.

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(57) Bureau of Vital Statistics, Augusta, Maine.

(58) Census records.

(59) Ibid., 1830:209.

(60) Ibid., 1840: 28.

Proof Linking Generations Five and Six. With Isaac Howe of Greenwood eliminated as a possibility, it was then necessary to prove that Isaac How of Hollis, New Hampshire,was the same as Isaac Howe found in Bucksport in 1820.

One proof is the death record of Ephraim W. Howe, Calais, Maine, 13 July 1912 (61), which gave his father's name as Isaac or Charles Howe and birthplace as New Hampshire. The maiden name of his mother was given as Rachel M.R. Davis. Ephraim was born in Northport, Waldo County, Maine.

The names of the children of Isaac and Rachel Howe are further evidence. Mary E. White named a son Isaac Howe White, presumably after her father.[62] The children of Isaac and Rachel How were named: Isaac Almon, for Isaac, Sr.; Ephraim, for Isaac How's father, Ephraim How of Hollis, NH; Samuel, for Isaac's younger brother, born in Hollis in 1799; Mary, for Isaac's mother; Rachel, for her mother.

New Hampshire records were also checked to see if Isaac How of Hollis might have remained in New Hampshire. No evidence was found to show that he had. (See Appendix.)

Proof That Rachel Folsom was Rachel How. Lacking a marriage record, it was also necessary to show that Rachel M. (Davis) How married, as her second husband, Benjamin Folsom and that she was the same Rachel who married Isaac How in Bucksport in 1817.

A deed was found in the Hancock County Registry (64), dated 15 May 1846, by which Rachel M. Folsom sold land in Bucksport, Maine, which was her one-thirteenth share of the estate of her late father, Jesse Davis.

Benjamin Folsom, husband of Rachel, then of Calais, sold four acres of land for $10, part of Lot #76 in Topsfield, to Stephen Emerson of Calais, 10 Dec. 1841 (63).

On 24 June 1846, George Patch of Greenwood conveyed a $300.00 mortgage, payable in three years, to Benjamin Folsom on Lot #76 in Topsfield (65). Folsom must have paid the loan, perhaps aided by Rachel's inheritance. Lot No. 76 was the property later leased to Ephraim Howe, then to his sister, Mary E. White, children of Rachel (Howe) Folsom.

The 1850 census (66) shows Benjamin and Rachel Folsom living at Topsfield with her daughter, Rachel A. Howe, then 16, and a boy, Moses Sherman, then 14. (It has been suggested that Rachel may have had a brief second marriage after Isaac Howe died, perhaps to a Mr. Sherman, and that Moses was the result. That is possible, but there is no proof of this.)

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(61) Bur. of Vit. Stats., Augusta.

(62) Record provided by her descendant, Janet Delorey.

(63) Washington Co. Reg. of Deeds,47:112.

(64) Hancock Co. Reg. of Deeds, 80:47.

(65) Wash. Co. Reg. Deeds, 69:395.

(66) Maine Census, 1850: 201.

Further proof of the family relationships is found in the census record of July 6, 1860 (67). The household of Benjamin and Rachel Folsom of Topsfield, Washington County, included two of Rachel's grandchildren, Olive Howe, 13, and John White, 13.

On 23 June, 1870, Benjamin Folsom, then 66 years old, and Rachel, 72, were at Topsfield, living ~~next door~~ (68) ~~to~~ her daughter Mary Ellen White and family.

Isaac A.Howe named two of his children Olive F. and Benjamin F. Howe undoubtedly for Olive Folsom, his stepsister, and Benjamin Folsom, his mother's second husband .

Proving the Link between Generations Six and Seven. In response to a request, Frances White, deputy town clerk at Topsfield, Washington County, Maine, provided the birth records of the children of Isaac Almon and Lorana Howe, born at Topsfield between 1845-1862, including Martha. Shortly thereafter, Joyce Johnson, town clerk of Bucksport, Hancock County, Maine, after a second inquiry, was able to find the following records:

> Rachel Marble Davis, b. 24 April 1796, to Jesse & Sarah (Lawrence) Davis; m. 6 Oct. 1817, Isaac Howe.
> Isaac Almon Howe b. 24 March 1818 to Isaac and Rachel M. Howe (rec. 7 Sept. 1821).

This information proved that Isaac Almon Howe was the father of Martha Howe and her siblings, born in Topsfield. The middle name, appearing on both Bucksport and Topsfield records, was the conclusive evidence which showed that he was the son of Isaac and Rachel (Davis) How and, further, that the Calais, Washington County, Isaac How of the 1830 census was the same man as the one in Bucksport in 1820.

More is learned about Isaac Howe of Calais, Maine, from a lease signed 17 Dec. 1830 (69), in which Isaac Howe "aforesaid labourer" contracted to rent from Reuben Lowell of Calais, "Gentleman," a house, barn, and one-half acre of land at Magorowok so-called, a part of the Lowell farm. The rent was $75 to be paid in two payments of $37.50. Further, Isaac Howe "agrees to pay said rents by finishing House & building a shed from the house to the Barn & to quit & deliver up the premises to the lessor" whenever he got behind in the rent or failed to keep the place in good order.

In addition, Isaac was to pay all taxes and Lowell was to have access to the property when he chose. The so-called "Brooks Pasture" was let to Isaac Howe in return for "making & repairing fence & cutting lumber as much as said Howe thinks it worth for a term of one year" or as long as Isaac lived there. The tenant was to take all the wood he wanted from the east side of the road for his own use. Any disagreements as to how much work and upkeep were enough were to be settled by "two disinterested men." On the bottom of the lease is written: "This indenture rec'd June 25 1833 and recorded. Attest G.S. Smith Reg."

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(67) Census, 1860:83.

(68) Ibid., 1870: 5

(69) Washington County Registry of Deeds, 25:360.

The filing date of the lease may be significant because Isaac Howe obviously had died before Oct. 18, 1839, when his widow, then the wife of Benjamin Folsom, gave birth to a daughter, Olive (70). Thus Isaac Howe could have died about June, 1833 (probably by accident or catastrophic illness, as he was only about 36 years old) and his youngest daughter, Rachel Ann Howe, may well have been posthumous. (Alive in 1837. See Appendix).

Proof Linking Generations Six and Seven. Since only the birth record of Isaac Almon Howe was found, it was important to prove that Ephraim, Samuel, Mary E. and Rachel A. were also children of Isaac How of Hollis, Bucksport, Northport, and Calais.

Death records of Ephraim Howe and Mary E. White showed that they were the children of Isaac How and Rachel Davis and that they were born in Northport. That proved that they were siblings.

In addition, Mary E. White was given a life lease to the Folsom farm in Topsfield in 1868 (71). Ephraim W. Howe, second son of Isaac and Rachel How, had been given a life lease to the same property (72) a year previously.

Samuel C. Howe's identity as a fourth child of Isaac and Rachel is established by several factors:

His brother, Ephraim W. Howe, named his first son Samuel C. Howe, presumably after his younger brother.

Samuel C. Howe, Sr., purchased property (73) in Milltown, Calais, near that of his brother, Ephraim: "part of Lot #10. . . a continuation of Sherman Street," five rods wide and half the distance to Boardman Street. Ephraim W. Howe had property nearby in Milltown (74).

With his first wife, Elizabeth, Samuel C. Howe witnessed the marriage of his younger sister, Rachel Ann Howe, to Benjamin White at St. Stephen, N.B., 9 Nov. 1851 (75). This also helps to establish Rachel Ann's identity as a fifth sibling.

Benjamin F. White was the brother (76) of George S.S. White, husband of her sister, Mary Ellen Howe, a further link.

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(70) Vital Records of Topsfield, Maine, p. 22: Olive (Googe Garlarnor?) Folsom, daughter of Benjamin and Rachel Folsom, born October 18, 1839.

(71) Reg. Deeds, 119:305-7.

(72) Ibid., 116:339-40.

(73) Ibid., 115:427.

(74) Ibid., 109:36-7.

(75) Marriage intention recorded at Calais, 28 Oct. 1851., p.44; marriage #23 recorded in the Anglican Church, Parish of St. Stephen, N.B.

(76) J. Delorey.

Washington County, Maine, Register of Deeds:
R. Lowell to I. Howe; Book 25, Page 360.

This indenture made this seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, witnesseth that I Reuben Lowell of Calais County of Washington & State of Maine Gentleman do hereby lease demise & let unto Isaac How of Calais County & State aforesaid labourer a certain part of the Lowell farm at Magorowok so called the house & barn & one half acre of land adjoining the north side of the house the said How is to occupy & live in said house so long as he shall pay the rent to the said Lowell, said rent is to be paid in two equal payments thirty seven & a half dollars each the whole rent amounting to seventy five dollars, and the said How agrees to pay said rents in finishing said House & building a shed from the house to the Barn & to quit & delivor up the premises to the lessor or his Attorney peaceably & quickly at the end of the term or when he shall fale of fulfilling this agreement in as good order & condition reasonable use & wearing thereof, fire & other unavoidable casualties excepted as the same--now are or may be put into by the said lessor & to pay the rent as above stated and all road taxes and other duties levied to be levied thereon during the term and also the rent & taxes as above stated for such further time as the lessee may hold the same & not make or suffer any waste thereof nor lease nor underlet nor permit any other person or persons to occupy or improve the same nor make or suffer to be made any alteration therein but with the approbation of the lessor--thereto in writing having been first obtained & that the lessor may enter to view & make improvements & to expel the lessee if he shall fail to pay the rent & taxes as aforesaid or make or suffer any waste thereof. It is understood by the parties Lowell & How in case we should not agree as to the value of finishing house and building said shed we agree to submit it to two disinterested men. Also this may certify that I Reuben Lowell have let to Isaac How the Brooks Pasture on the east side of the rode by the said How's making & repairing fence & cutting lumber as much as said How thinks it is worth for the term of one year and as much longer as the said How occupies the said Lowell house providing said Lowell at the end of the year thinks said How does not do as much to said pasture in fencing & cutting bushes as he thinks it worth to leave it to two disinterested men. It is also understood the said How is to have all the wood he may want for his own use & to hall of off the east side of the road free of expense to said How. Witness our hands,

Reuben Lowell
Isaac How

Attest, Benjamin Day
John Smith, Junr.

This indenture rec'd June 25, 1833 & recorded. Attest G.S. Smith Reg.

Figure 6 . Reuben Lowell leased property in Calais, Maine, to Isaac How, 17 December 1830.

Figure 7. Route of Isaac How from Hollis, New Hampshire, to Calais, Maine, and That of Isaac A. Howe to Eaton, Maine.

7. i. ISAAC ALMON HOWE, b. 24 Mar. 1818, Bucksport, Maine; m. c1844 LORANA LUNT; d. 1881-1891, Eaton ?, Maine.

ii. Daughter, b. 1820-1825; not on 1840 census.

iii. EPHRAIM W. HOWE, b. 13 Mar. 1822, Northport, Maine; m. BARBARA ANN SEVERENCE;d. 13 July 1912, Calais, Maine.

iv. SAMUEL C. HOWE, b. c1824; m. 1st ELIZABETH (Wilson?) c1847?; 2nd NANCY J. WOODCOCK, pub. 30 May 1853, m. 1 June 1853, Calais, Maine.

v. MARY E. HOWE, b. 31 Oct. Northport, Maine; m. GEORGE STILLMAN SMITH WHITE, 18 Oct. 1845, Topsfield, Maine; d. 3 Aug. 1905, Topsfield.

vi. RACHEL ANN HOWE, b. 1834; m. BENJAMIN F. WHITE, 9 Nov. 1851, St. Stephen, N.B.; d. Topsfield before April, 1862. He m. 2nd Eliza Kneeland, 31 Aug. 1862, Topsfield.

Child of Benjamin and Rachel (Howe) Folsom

vii. OLIVE FOLSOM, b. Topsfield, 18 Oct. 1839; d. young.

GENERATION SEVEN

Isaac Almon and Lorana (Lunt) Howe

7.1. ISAAC[7] ALMON HOWE (Isaac[6], Ephraim[5], Joseph[4], John[3], John[2], James[1]) was born in Bucksport, Hancock County, Maine, 24 March 1818, the son of Isaac and Rachel (Davis) Howe; married about 1844 perhaps at Greenbush, Penobscot County, Maine, LORANA LUNT, born about 1819-24, probably at Argyle, Penobscot County, the daughter of Abraham[6] (William[5], Abraham[4], Skipper[3], Henry[2], Henry[1]) Lunt and Esther Robertshaw. No death record is found for Isaac A. Howe, who probably died at Eaton, Washington County, Maine, between 1881-1891. (He was living in Eaton in 1880, but not living in 1892 when vital statistics were first recorded at Augusta.) Lorana Howe died at Litchfield, Kennebec County, Maine, 12 January 1895. Cause of death (77) on Lorana's death certificate is given as "Leiner degeneration of the brain."

This does not seem to be a modern term and, so we can only speculate as to the nature Lorana's health problems. She may well have been diabetic, as several of her descendants have been, including her daughter, Martha. Insulin was not discovered until 1922 (78). Untreated, diabetes has serious consequences. One effect is damage to the nerve cells of the brain, as they are deprived of necessary glucose. Also, stroke may result, which did occur with some descendants, including Lorana's daughter, Olive Elliott, and at least two of Martha's children, Arthur and Ira Brown.

Census and Property Records

Isaac A., age 32, and Lorana, age 31, Howe were in Brewer, Penobscot County, Maine, in 1850, with Olive, age three, and Benjamin, age one. George had apparently died. Isaac gave his occupation as laborer and his worth as $50.00. No records are found for Isaac Howe at the Registry of Deeds, Penobscot County.

At some time between 1850-1860, the family moved to Topsfield, Washington County. The 1860 census shows Olive, then 13, with her grandmother in Topsfield. She is also listed in the household of Isaac and Lorana Howe in Talmadge that year, along with her siblings, Benjamin, Sarah, Martha, Ira, and Almon. A document at the Washington County Registry of Deeds (79) is found:

On 28 February 1860, James M. Hunt, Yeoman, of Talmadge, Washington County, Maine, conveyed to Isaac A. Howe of Topsfield for $100.00 a tract of land (about 30 acres) "being land taken from the west end of the farm known as the Johnson farm", conveyed to Hunt by Samuel Thornton, 26 May 1858. The census record of 6 July 1860, Talmadge, Post Office Waite, shows Hunt, age 48, living with the Howes. His occupation was given as laborer and he was unable to read or write. Isaac's age was 42; the age of "Lorainey" was given as 36 that year.

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(77) Bureau of Vital Statistics, Augusta.

(78) Encyclopedia Americana (New York: 1954, 4:398b).

(79) Reg. Deeds, 97:96.

RECORD OF A DEATH.

Name Lorana Howe

Place of Death Litchfield

Date of Death Jan. 12 1895

Age Years 71 Months — Days —

Place of Birth Greenbush

Sex Fe Color W ~~Married, Single,~~ Widowed, ~~or Divorced~~

Occupation Housekeeper

Cause of Death Senile Degeneration of Brain

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Place of Burial Eaton Me.

Name of Father Abram Lunt

Maiden Name of Mother Nancy

Birthplace of Father unknown

Birthplace of Mother "

Occupation of Father Farmer

Name and address of Physician (or other person) reporting said death J. W. Gilbert MD

1895

STATE OF MAINE.

I hereby certify that the above death record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

Chas. A. Metcalf

Clerk of Litchfield

Figure 8 . Death Record of Lorana (Lunt) Howe

STATE OF MAINE

COPY OF A RECORD OF LIVE BIRTH

VOID IF ALTERED OR ERASED

Office of the Clerk of BUCKSPORT, Maine

CHILD	Full Name of Child: ISAAC ALMON HOWE	Sex: MALE	Date of Birth: MARCH 24, 1818
	Birthplace: BUCKSPORT, MAINE	Residence of Mother: BUCKSPORT, MAINE	
ATTENDANT	Name of Physician or Attendant: NOT GIVEN	Address	
REGISTRAR	Name of Clerk that Recorded this Birth: MANLEY HARDY	Date Received by Clerk: SEPT. 7, 1821	
MOTHER	Mother's Maiden Name: RACHEL M. HOWE	Age: NOT GIVEN	Birthplace: NOT GIVEN
FATHER	Father's Name: ISAAC HOWE	Age: NOT GIVEN	Birthplace: NOT GIVEN

The above is a true copy of facts entered on the record of the birth of the person named hereon which is in [illegible] official custody.

ATTEST: [illegible]

CLERK OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE DATE ISSUED APRIL 19, 1984

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Figure 9 . Birth Record of Isaac Almon Howe

The 27 June 1870 census taker found Isaac Howe, 51 years, living at Topsfield with "Laurette," 45 years, and children: Benjamin, Sarah, Martha, Ira, Isaac and Susan. Olive, the oldest daughter, had married by then. (Census takers had trouble with the name, Lorana, for some reason.) Isaac had probably mortgaged and lost through foreclosure his property at Talmadge, although no record of the transaction is found.

Sometime between June, 1870, and July, 1872, Isaac Howe and family homesteaded on property in Eaton, Washington County, Maine. A mortgage, dated 5 July 1872, is found (80) whereby Wallace and Charles Scribner of No. 9, R4, agreed to grant Isaac Howe a warrant deed for $110 on one-quarter acre of land, "being North of the rail road line, East of the Houlton & Baring road a part of the purchase said Scribner bought of J.L. Dudley & the same that the log house sets upon & occupied by said Isaac Howe." The terms were hard: $80.00 to be paid on delivery of the property and ten dollars per month to be paid for the next three months. Isaac was given $100.00, which he presumably badly needed, and immediately had to pay $80.00 back to the Scribners, leaving him with $20.00. They allowed him a mortgage of $100.00 to be paid back in three months, plus ten percent interest!

Isaac Howe's mortgage was subsequently sold at least twice, although he and his family remained on the property. From another document (81), it is learned that Emeline Snow conveyed Isaac's property (or the mortgage) to Charles G. Sterns of Bangor, Penobscot County, on 13 January 1875. On 7 August 1877, Sterns mortgaged (82) the property back to Isaac A. Howe for $155, payable in three years. Isaac conveyed on 10 August 1877 (83) his mortgage from Sterns to his sons Ira L. and Benjamin F. Howe "for a valuable consideration to me in hand".

Charles G. Sterns, an absentee landlord, was undoubtedly becoming "land poor," as he had bought hundreds of acres of land in Washington County. By another deed (84), dated 18 Nov. 1879, Sterns sold to Henry H. Putnam of Danforth, Washington County, for $900.00 (and payment of all taxes assessed in the previous seven years) several hundred acres of land, viz: The Harlow block, so-called, situated in Township No. 9, Range 4, consisting of 1845 acres; also the Snow and Barnes lots, so-called, in the same town containing 245 acres; also Lots No. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 15 in Danforth containing 600 acres, "being the same premises conveyed to me by Timothy and John McGraw the 27th day of Dec. 1872, and which were mortgaged back to me by them and said mortgage was foreclosed by me Oct. 21st 1876. as will appear by notice published in the Machias Republican of about that date." The railroad strip running through the land was excepted. (Isaac Howe's one-quarter acre was no doubt a part of the Snow lot.)

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(80) Reg. Deeds, 10:137

(81) Ibid., 139:30

(82) Ibid., 144:515.

(83) Ibid.

(84) Ibid., 155:497.

In a deed (85), dated 3 June 1879, Charles G. Sterns of Bangor conveyed the land in Eaton to Benjamin F. and Ira L. Howe of Eaton for $200.00 and the understanding that back taxes for the years 1877, 1878, and 1879 would be paid by the grantees. This deed was signed, sealed and delivered to J.C. Adams, Registrar, Washington County, on 7 June 1880. Thus, just five months before Charles G. Sterns sold his vast holdings in Washington County to another speculator, the Howes acquired title to the land which they had homesteaded and lived on for some ten years.

On 11 June 1880, the family at Eaton consisted of: Isaac Howe, 64 years; "Lorania," 56 years; Benjamin, then 29 years; Clara, Benjamin's wife, also 29; their daughter, Olive, nine months; and Arthur Young, a boarder, 27 years. On this census record, all persons in the family said they were born in Maine, as were their parents, except for Lorana, who said her parents were born in Massachusetts. It is not known why she said that, unless she knew little about her mother, who died when Lorana was very young. Another mystery is Lorana's death record, which gives her mother's name as "Nancy" and her father's as Abram Lunt. There was an Abraham Lunt (86), nephew of Lorana's father, who married a Nancy Harndon and moved from Old Town, Maine, to Massachusetts, but he was too young to be Lorana's father. As previously noted, Abram Lunt married Esther Robertshaw, int. 15 Feb. 1812, at Orono, Maine. Time, distance, and faulty memory are plausible explanations for these errors.

Ira and Benjamin Howe paid off the mortgage to Sterns in June, 1879, and eleven months later (14 May 1880), their mother, Lorana Howe, added to the Howe land (87). She bought from Julia Wiseman for $10.00 a piece of land to the east of the Howe property and adjoining land owned by William V. Davis, whose west boundary was the east line of the Howe lot. Isaac Howe waived his right of dower.

Finally, on 31 August 1893, a little over a year before Lorana's death, the property at Eaton was sold (88) by Lorana Howe (who signed by mark), Olive F. Elliott of Richmond, Maine, and Benjamin F. Howe of Eaton to William V. Davis of Danforth, their neighbor, for $200.00.

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(85) Reg. Deeds, 154:28.

(86) T.Lunt, Lunt Family, 1914.

(87) Reg. Deeds, 152:511.

(88) Ibid., 207:197.

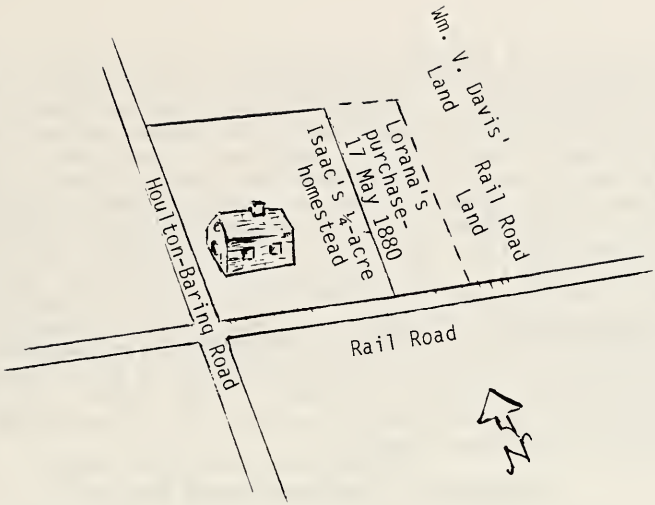

Figure 10 . Isaac Almon Howe's Property at Eaton, Maine.

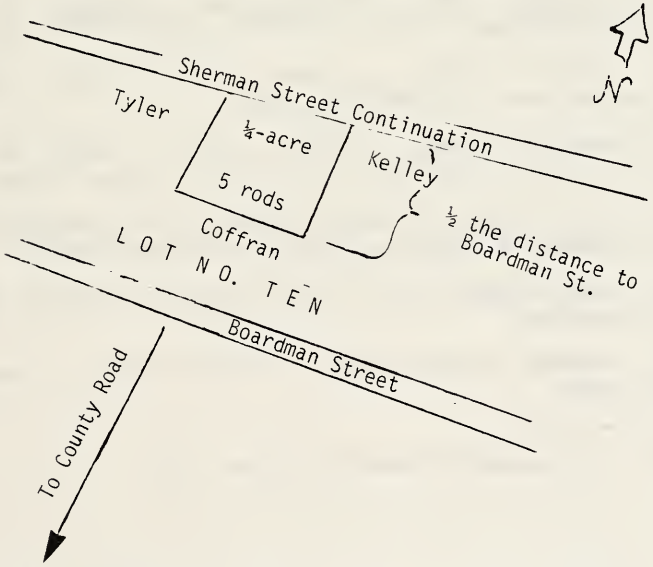

Figure 11. Samuel C. Howe's Property at Calais, Maine.

The property is described as follows: "Beginning at the southeast corner of said Lorana H. Howe's homestead lot on the north line of the M.C.R.R., thence running a northerly course on the said Howe's east line to the north east corner of said Howe's lot, thence continue Howe's north line east to Wm. V. Davis' land, thence south on said Davis' line and R.R. Company's land to the line of the Railroad, thence on the north line of the Railroad to the place of beginning, being the same premises conveyed to me said Lorana H. Howe by Julia F. Wiseman and Henry P. Wiseman by deed dated May 14th 1880 A.D. and recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds Vol. 152 Page 511. Also one other lot or parcel of land lying to the west of and adjacent to the above described lot, containing about 1/2 an acre bounded south by Railroad land, west by Houlton and Baring Road, & north by land of Alfred A. Stoddard and east by first described lot. Same premises bonded to be sold to Isaac Howe husband of said Lorana Howe by Wallace Scribner and Charles E. Scribner by bond dated July 5th 1872." Thus, Lorana Howe and her family severed their connections to their longtime home in Washington County.

The Family of Isaac and Lorana Howe (89)

8.1. GEORGE ALMON HOWE, b. 19 Jan. 1845; not on 1850 census.

8.2. OLIVE F. HOWE, b. 19 Dec. 1846; m. ANDREW J. ELLIOTT; d. 20 Dec. 1914, Litchfield, Maine.

8.3. BENJAMIN F. HOWE, b. 29 August 1848; m. CLARA ? ; d. 24 March 1910, Litchfield, Maine.

8.4. SARAH J.M. HOWE, b. 11 June 1851; m. 7 Dec. 1873, MOSES COLBURN, his 2nd wife?, at Topsfield, Maine.

8.5. MARTHA A.F. HOWE, b. 24 July 1853; m. ARTHUR M. BROWN at Lewiston, Maine, 28 Dec. 1872; d. 23 April 1913, Hanover, Maine.

8.6. IRA L. HOWE, b. 23 April, 1855; m. EVALINE CROCKET of Lincoln, Maine; at Richmond, ME, 1897; not found on 1900 Maine census.

8.7. ISAAC A. HOWE. Jr., b. 10 July 1859; not found on 1880 Maine census or thereafter.

8.8. SUSANNAH (or Susan) HOWE, b. 18 March 1862; no record found after 1870 census.

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(89) Vital Records of Topsfield, Maine, 1:5,22.

PART III: DESCENDANTS of ISAAC and RACHEL HOWE

Line of Isaac Almon Howe:

Olive F. Howe and Andrew J. Elliott.

Benjamin F. and Clara Howe.

Sarah J.M. Howe and Moses Colburn.

MARTHA A.F. HOWE and Arthur M. Brown.

LINE OF ISAAC ALMON HOWE:
Olive F. Howe and Andrew J. Elliott

8.2. OLIVE F. HOWE, second child of Isaac and Lorana (Lunt) Howe, was born 19 Dec. 1846, record at Topsfield, Maine; married c1865 ANDREW J. ELLIOTT, b. Aug. 1844, probably at Bowdoin, Sagadahoc Co., Maine; died at Gardiner, Kennebec Co., Maine (54 Fountain St., Ward 2), 20 Dec. 1914 (90). Andrew Elliott died at Litchfield, 17 Feb. 1912 (91). They are both buried in the Eliot (gravestone spelling) lot, Litchfield Plains Cemetery (92).

Olive Elliott's death record states that she died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Further, her parents are given as Ephraim Howe and Lettie Folsom, which is incorrect information given perhaps by their nephew or grandson, who were living on the Elliott farm at the time. Ephraim Howe was Olive's uncle and Folsom was the name of Olive's grandmother, Rachel (Davis Howe) Folsom. The name "Lettie" is hard to explain, except that it begins with an "L," as in Lorana, Olive's mother's name.

Andrew and Olive Elliott were living in a boarding house in Lewiston, Androscoggin County, in 1870 (93), along with many other young persons, who were employed, as Andrew was, in the cotton mill. They had two children, George and Frank. Sarah J. Howe, Olive's sister, was living with them, also working in the mill. By 1880 (94), they had moved to a house in Gardiner, "corner of Ash and Park," where Andrew's occupation was listed as "gas filler." They had moved to Lisbon, same county, by 1900 (95). The two youngest Elliott children were at home, Pearl, 19, and Bessie, 13. Benjamin F. Howe, Olive's brother, and his son, Byron, were "boarders" in the household.

Bessie Elliott was born in Litchfield, Kennebec County, in January, 1888, so the Elliotts may have been at a summer residence in Lisbon in 1900. According to one family source, they owned a second home on a lake (96).

Olive and Andrew Elliott were in Litchfield on 21 April 1910, when the census was taken. They owned a farm with 88 farm animals, which may have been inherited from Andrew's father. Married 45 years, Olive had borne seven children and six were living. Byron Home, 22 years, their nephew, and Earl Elliott, 15 years, their grandson, were with them. Benjamin Howe, Byron's father, had died in Litchfield the previous month, March 24, 1910.

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(90) Bureau of Vital Statistics, Augusta.
(91) Ibid.

(92) Litchfield Plains Cemetery Records.

(93) Maine Census, 1870.

(94) Ibid., 1880.

(95) Ibid., 1900.

(96) Letter from Louise Brown Worcester.

The Family of Andrew J. and Olive F. (Howe) Elliott(97):

9.1. GEORGE L. ELLIOTT, b. 1866.
9,2. FRANK L. ELLIOTT, b. Feb. 1869; married Jessie May Cary of Fairfield, Maine; d. 30 May 1911. Jessie May d. 20 May 1904. Both are buried in Litchfield Plains Cemetery.
9.3. A Child who died young.
9.4. MABEL (MAY B. on census record), b. 13 May 1877; m. Arthur E. Libby.

Children

10.1. GLADYS; (Mrs.Glidden), resided in Gardner, Maine.
10.2. HELEN (Mrs. McAllister), resided in Portland, Maine.
10.3. DOROTHY (Mrs. Childs), resided in West Paris, Maine (98).

9.5. GRACE O. ELLIOTT, b. 1879.
9.6. PEARL L. ELLIOTT. b. 26 July 1883; m. Mary Fraser; d. 8 Mar. 1953. Mary died 30 Oct. 1956. Both are buried in Litchfield Plains Cemetery (99).
9.7. BESSIE L. ELLIOTT, b. 11 Jan. 1888 (100).

LINE OF ISAAC ALMON HOWE:
Benjamin F. and Clara Howe

8.3. BENJAMIN F. HOWE, third child of Isaac and Lorana Howe, was born 29 Aug. 1848, recorded at Topsfield, Maine; married c1878, Clara ---, b. c1848; died in Litchfield, Kennebec County, Maine, 24 March 1910 (101). Cause of Benjamin's death is given as "chronic gastritis with gastric ulcer." No death record is found for Clara.

Clara Howe may have died following the birth of her son Byron in 1888. The widowed and then rootless Benjamin and his son may have moved to Litchfield with Lorana Howe when the family home at Eaton was sold in August, 1893. According to a family source, Benjamin stayed with his sister Martha and her family at least one winter in Hanover and worked in the woods. His son Byron went to school with Martha's children (102). This pattern was apparently repeated with the Elliotts.

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(97) Census records.

(98) See Ancestors and Descendants of Arthur M. Brown.

(99) Cemetery records.

(100) Vital Records of Litchfield, Maine.

(101) Bur. of Vit. Stats., Augusta.

(102) Conversation with Louise Brown Worcester.

Children:

9.8. OLIVE E. HOWE, b. Aug. 1879 at Eaton, Washington Co., Maine; d. Richmond, Sagadahoc Co., Maine, 4 Feb. 1897, age 17 yrs., 6 mos. Cause of death for Olive is given as a heart ailment brought on by rickets (103). According to the record, her parents were Ira and Evaline (Crocket) Howe (actually her uncle and aunt), who may have adopted Olive, following the death of her mother, while her brother Byron remained with Benjamin.

9.9. BYRON HOWE, b. Mar. 1888; living in Litchfield in 1910 (104).

LINE OF ISAAC ALMON HOWE:
Sarah J.M. Howe and Moses Colburn

8.4. SARAH J.M.HOWE, fourth child of Isaac and Lorana Howe, was born 11 June 1851, recorded at Topsfield, Maine; married Moses Colburn at Topsfield, 7 Dec. 1873 (105), perhaps his second wife. In 1880, Moses and Sarah were living at Plantation No. 10, Washington County, a very small settlement. The sawmill there employed 34 men (106).

George Colburn, probable brother of Moses,was living at No. 10, also, with a wife and two small daughters, Hattie and Mattie. The Colburns were grantees of property through a warrant deed (107) from Charles H. Eaton. George later sold property to Moses (108), presumably his share at No. 10. No record of the Colburns is found after the 1880 census.

Children

9.10. WILLIS COLBURN, b. c1870.
9.11. FRANK " b. c1874.
9.12. GEORGE " b. c1879.

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(103) Bur. of Vit. Stats.

(104) Census record.

(105) Marriage record, Topsfield.

(106) Census Record, 1880.

(107) Wash. Co., Reg. Deeds (1880-5, 155:513).

(108) Ibid., 158:147.

Martha A.F. Howe and Arthur M. Brown

8.5. MARTHA A.F. HOWE was born in Topsfield (109), Washington County, Maine, 24 July 1853, the fifth child of Isaac Almon and Lorana (Lunt) Howe; married at Lewiston, Maine, 28 December 1872, ARTHUR McNUTT BROWN (110), born Oxford County, Maine, 20 August 1844 or 1846, son of William Brown (111), a Methodist preacher and Frances (Allen) Brown; died Hanover, Oxford County, Maine, 23 April 1913 (112). Arthur died in Pepperell, Middlesex County, Mass., 29 March 1922 (113).

Martha (Howe) Brown bore nine children. A picture (114) taken in her mature years shows a plump, pretty woman with small, even features, brown eyes and hair. Relatives remembered her (115) as excitable--a diabetic who loved to cook and had trouble staying on a diet. Martha was apparently outgoing and sociable, according to some of her descendants.

Her daughter, Addie, recalled that she and her sister once decided to pack up and leave home, since they had found some baby clothes--an indication that another sibling was due. (The prospect of a new mouth to feed must have caused some consternation.) On their way out, the girls passed "Marm," rocking imperturbably in a chair. When they returned home hours later, she was still rocking, seemingly unaware that they had been gone. Martha (also called Mattie) was less calm, however, when their house caught fire (116). She became confused and stepped out of a second-floor window to escape and was injured. One of her husband's pension papers was "a reissue in lieu of lost certificate dated 9 April 1913" (117), which may suggest a possible date for the fire. Martha died on 23 April 1913, two weeks later.

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(109) Vital Records of Topsfield.

(110) Ibid., Lewiston.

(111) See Ancestors and Descendants of Arthur McNutt Brown, by the Ira Brown Family, for more details of the Browns.

(112) Town clerk, Hanover.

(113) Ibid., Pepperell.

(114) Op. Cit., Ira Brown Family.

(115) Conversations with relatives.

(116) Letter from Rosamond Whitcomb, daughter of Florence Brown.

(117) Pension record #80,414.

City of LEWISTON Maine

CITY CLERK

GERALD P. BERUBE
CITY CLERK
DENISE L. LAJOIE
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

April 30, 1982

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Denise L. Lajoie, Deputy City Clerk of Lewiston, Maine, wish to certify that the following entry appears in a Book of Marriages for the City of Lewiston:

Name of Groom:	Arthur Brown
Residence:	Lewiston, Maine
Name of Bride:	Martha Howe
Residence:	Lewiston, Maine
Date of Marriage:	December 28, 1872
By Whom Married:	H. B. Abbott Ordained Minister

This entry appears to have been made at the time of the marriage, by the Clerk then in office.

ATTEST:

Denise L. Lajoie

Denise L. Lajoie
Deputy City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine 04240

Figure 12. Marriage record of Martha Howe and Arthur M. Brown.

ARTHUR[8] McNUTT BROWN (William,[7] William,[6] Jabez,[5] Joseph,[4] Jabez,[3] Jabez,[2] Thomas[1]) was the youngest of three children of William and Frances (Allen) Brown. A family story is that he ran away (118) at the age of twelve, because he rebelled against his strict religious background, and joined the Army. He was remembered by his daughter Florence as a person who liked to march in front of parades on patriotic holidays. He enlisted in the Union Army on 20 August 1862, his birth date given as 20 August 1844 and his age as eighteen (119).

There is a discrepancy in the records, however, as the 1850 census report shows his age as four years and the 1860 record gives it as fourteen, ten years later. It seems very likely that he enlisted on his sixteenth birthday, claiming that he was actually eighteen.

Arthur belonged to the Knights of Pythias and had a uniform with gold braid and a sword. In his later years he could not be induced to dress up and march in a parade. (That is not to say that he did not enjoy it in his younger days.)

After Martha's death in 1913, Arthur had about four years of staying with one child or another. When his son Arthur moved to Pepperell, Mass., Arthur, Sr., went with the family and stayed there until his death in 1922.

In May, 1918, he rented a small convenience store at the corner of Cross and Main Streets in Pepperell and bought the small stock (120) from the previous proprietor, Mr. Winship, for $25.00. A letter from the owner (121) indicates , however, that the store had not been profitable. This factor, plus his failing health, may explain why Arthur discontinued the venture in December, 1918. He had a small pension from his military service (122), about $30.00 per month and sufficient for his needs.

His Civil War service impressed Arthur deeply, for he often talked about it. He recalled the cold hostility of certain southern ladies whose plantation he was assigned to guard. On the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, he traveled to a reunion of old soldiers there. His daughter-in-law recalled that he was well-read and knowledgeable about the times in which he lived.

Arthur M. Brown died of the effects of arteriosclerosis at Pepperell, Mass., 29 March 1922 (123), aged about 76 years. His was a reluctant departure, as he would have liked to watch his young grandchildren grow up, he said. His body was taken on the train to be buried at Hanover, Maine, next to his wife (124).

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(118) Letter from Rosamond Whitcomb.

(119) Pension record.

(120) See Figure 14.

(121) See Figure 13.

(122) Pension record.

(123) Vital Record, Pepperell.

(124) Gravestone, Hanover.

Groton May 16th 1918

A M Brown

Pepperell Mass

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 13th rec'd and
in reply will say you can
have the Store for Six months
and longer if you wish Shall
want my Rent promptly and
see no reason why you cannot
make a living if you have some
Money to Stock up at wholesale
Sale prices Same as other Store
Keepers do Mr Winship could not
do any thing at buying at retail
prices There is not much in the
Store I think you will have to
get new goods and sell at low
prices for a while until you get
the trade then they will be willing
to let you make a fair profit
Don't Trust out a cent to anyone
Sell for cash Yours H P Palmer

Figure 13. Letter to Arthur M. Brown about renting the store.

Know all men by these presents

that I Alberta L. Winship of Pepperell Middlesex County Massachusetts in consideration of Twenty five Dollars, $ 25.00 paid by Arthur M. Brown Of said Pepperell the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, sell, transfer, and deliver unto the said the following goods and chattels, namely,

21 cans of beans	3.78
10 " " soup	1.50
10 " " "	1.00
3 " " spaghetti	45
4 doz, clothes pins	12
5 Lamp burners	25
1 pr, scales	50
17 Blanks	34
12 packages of paper	60
15 Cigaretts	45
1 oil tank	2.00
1 pr, Scales	2.00
18 boxes crackers	1.00
2 show cases	3.00
2 boxes pickles	40
1 Counter	3.00
26 cans	2.60
2 doz Catsup	2.00
12 "	1.80

To have and to hold all and singular the said goods and chattels to the said Arthur M. Brown and His executors, administrators, and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever.

And I hereby covenant with the grantee that I am the lawful owner of the said goods and chattels; that they are free from all incumbrances,

that I have good right to sell the same as aforesaid; and that I will warrant and defend the same against the lawful claims and demands of all persons,

In witness whereof I the said Alberta L. Winship

hereunto set My hand and seal this Eighteenth day of May in the year one thousand hundred and eighteen

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

Grace G. Farwell

Alberta L. Winship

Figure 14. Sale of stock of Main St., Pepperell, store to Arthur M. Brown, 18 May 1918.

No. 80,414 — ACT OF MAY 11, 1912 — 42 Reissue

AMENDED BY ACT MARCH 4, 1913

United States of America

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws of the United States Arthur M.Brown who was a Private and Corporal,Co.K,5th Regiment Maine Infantry and Private,Co.B,7th Regiment Maine Infantry and Private,Co.B,1st Regiment Maine Veteran Infantry, is entitled to a pension at the rate of Eighteen dollars per month from May 29,1912 Twenty-four dollars per month from June 4,1914 and Thirty dollars per month from June 4,1919.

Reissue in lieu of lost certificate dated April 9,1913.

Given at the Department of the Interior this twenty-seventh day of January one thousand nine hundred and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-first

Secretary of the Interior.

Countersigned:

Commissioner of Pensions.

Former payments covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

Figure 15. Certificate issued in lieu of one dated 9 April 1913.

Based on the description given on his enlistment paper, from family members' recollections and from photographs, it is possible to know what Arthur M. Brown looked like.

He was about five feet and eight inches tall, probably weighing about 150 pounds. He had blue or green eyes, fair skin, light brown hair, and he usually wore a mustache. His nose was aquiline and rather prominent. He was "thin and wiry," quick tempered -- a man who moved swiftly when provoked.

A description of Ephraim W. Howe, uncle of Martha Howe, given on his enlistment paper, tells us that he was of similar height and coloring. From this information, it might be concluded that the dark eyes, hair, and complexion seen in some descendants comes from the forebears of Lorana Lunt, Martha's mother.

Some might wonder why "Dad" preferred to spend his last years with his son, Arthur. One of his daughters (125) said it was because Tess, his daughter-in-law, spoiled him. That may well have been the case. Since she catered to everyone else in the family, there was no reason for her to make an exception of him.

Family of Arthur and Martha (Howe) Brown (126)

9.13.	FREDERICK ALAN	BROWN,	1874-1911.
9.14.	EDWIN W.	"	1875-1953.
9.15.	MAUDE	"	1877-1943.
9.16.	WINFIELD	"	1879-?
9.17.	ADELAIDE	"	1881-1941.
9.18.	FLORENCE H.	"	1886-1945.
9.19.	AGNES L.	"	1888-1935.
9.20.	ARTHUR G.	"	1891-1967.
9.21.	IRA A.	"	1894-1975.

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(125) Conversation with Addie Brown.

(126) See the Ira Brown Family book.

GENERATIONS NINE, TEN, ELEVEN & TWELVE:
LINE OF ISAAC ALMON HOWE

Frederick Alan Brown

9.13. FREDERICK A. BROWN was born probably in Lawrence, Mass., in Jan., 1874, the first child of Arthur and Martha (Howe) Brown. Carrying on the Howe family tradition, Fred was a woodsman. He is said to have been a generous man, who was helpful to his younger siblings. He never married and died an untimely death in 1911 in Hanover, Maine. The son of Arthur and Teresa Brown, born shortly after Fred's death, was named for Fred, at the request of Martha Brown.

Edwin H. Brown

9.14. EDWIN H. BROWN, sometimes called "Pete," was born in Nov., 1875, the second child of Arthur and Martha Brown; married BLANCHE BROWN; divorced; d. in 1953. Ed was a woodsman and guide all of his life; resided in Hanover, Maine. Ed was a very witty man and a canny fisherman and hunter. He is remembered with fondness and compassion.

Children:

10.4. CAROL BROWN (son), unm.; deceased.
10.5. VIVIAN BROWN (dau.), unm.; deceased?

Maude M. Brown

9.15. MAUDE M. BROWN was born September, 1877, the third child (127) of Arthur and Martha (Howe) Brown; married JOHN FLOYD, a druggist of Wilmington, Delaware; died in 1943; no children. Little is known about Maude (Brown) Floyd, who left Hanover in her youth (128). She was remembered by her sisters with affection.

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(127) Op. Cit., the Ira Brown Family.

(128) Correspondence with Louise Worcester and Elizabeth Coutts.

LINE OF ISAAC ALMON HOWE: Adelaide Brown

9.16. ADELAIDE BROWN was born in August, 1881, in Lewiston, Maine, the fourth child of Arthur M. and Martha A.F. (Howe) Brown; married about 1909, EDGAR FOYE BROWN, born 19 June 1879, Bethel, Maine; died Dec., 1941, Mass. General Hospital, Boston, Mass., of cancer. Foye married (second) Mrs. Agnes Scott Abbott; he died 28 Oct. 1955, Peterborough, New Hampshire.

"Addie" Brown was intelligent and had a wonderful sense of humor. She was skilled in sewing and the household arts. Addie knew she had to get out of Maine, according to her daughter, because opportunity was limited there. Addie and Foye had a strong sense of family; their door was always open to relatives and friends.

They lived in Bethel, Maine, for a short time after their marriage, then moved to Pepperell, Mass., where Foye managed the Keyes family's farm for several years. About 1922, the family moved to Peterborough, New Hampshire, where Foye had a contracting and building business for many years.

Edgar Foye Brown

EDGAR FOYE BROWN was a great-grandson (129) of Benjamin Brown and Hannah Russell, who were among the first settlers of the town of Bethel, Maine. Benjamin Brown, a Revolutionary War soldier, and his wife came to Bethel on horseback from (Merrimack?) New Hampshire. Benjamin's son, Simeon Brown, married Sophia Holt and they were the parents of Charles Mason Brown who married Hulda Ann Richards. Charles M. and Hulda A. Brown were Foye's parents.

Both parents died when Foye was thirteen years old (130). An older sister Emma (Mrs. Joseph Brophy) placed him as a (carpenter's?) apprentice before she herself moved to California, where she died in 1910. A younger sister, Inez Brown, was placed in a Catholic school. Inez married James Martin of Weston, Mass., in 1910, and they were long-time residents of Bethel. A foster child, Nina Anderson, niece of Hulda Brown, married Clifton Kilgore of Newry, Maine. They lived in Rhode Island.

Children of Foye and Adelaide Brown:

10.6. CHARLES RODNEY BROWN was born in Bethel, Maine, 20 Nov. 1909. He attended schools in Pepperell, Mass., and in Peterborough, New Hampshire, and is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. He married Aline Morin of Berlin, NH, also a UNH graduate, about 1934. He was associated with his father in the construction business for many years. Aline taught French in Peterborough.

Child:

11.1. ANTHONY FOYE BROWN, born in Peterborough, New Hampshire, 5 Nov. 1935; marr. PEGGY ---. He attended local schools and was associated with his father in the construction business, which he has managed since his father's retirement. Tony and Peggy Brown live in Peterborough.

Children:

12.1. Daughter
12.2. Daughter
12.3. CHARLES RODNEY BROWN II

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(129) Eva Bean, East Bethel Road (Bethel, Maine?: 1959).

(130) Conversations with Elizabeth Coutts.

10.7. EDGAR EUGENE BROWN was born 12 December, 1910, in Bethel, Maine; married 29 June 1946 at Watertown, Mass., GERALDINE MARKHAM, born 22 October 1914 in Watertown. He died of heart disease in Waterville, Maine, 15 November 1983, and was buried with military honors from the Togus Veterans' Chapel. "Gene," as he was called, served in the United States Army in World War II. *

Geraldine, or "Geri," is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and taught school for several years in Peterborough, New Hampshire. After their marriage, the couple resided in Peterborough, where Gene worked with his father in the construction business, later moving to Connecticut, where they lived until Gene's retirement from the Dept. of Highways in 1975. They then moved to Maine. Geri resides in Waterville, where she keeps active with her music, painting, and friends.

Child:

11.2. CHRISTOPHER MARKHAM BROWN, born 3 Oct. 1948, Peterborough, N.H.; marr. Durham, CT, INA JUNE AMADON ROWLAND, born 19 April 1950, New London, CT. Chris is employed as a computer technologist.

Children:

12.4. MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER BROWN, born 2 Nov. 1970, Hartford, Conn.

12.5. MATHEW MARKHAM BROWN, born 27 Oct. 1972, Springfield, Mass.

12.6. TIMOTHY BARTHOLOMEW BROWN, born 24 Sept. 1975, Springfield.

10.8. ELIZABETH BROWN was born in Pepperell, Mass., 13 Jan. 1918,** daughter of Foye and Adelaide Brown. She married at Peterborough, New Hampshire, 5 April 1942, LLOYD G. COUTTS, who was born in Lawrence, Mass., 16 April 1916. She died on 10 January 1984, Kaiser Hospital, Bonita, California. Her ashes are buried in the garden of her home, as she wished it.

Elizabeth "Betty" Brown was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire at Durham. She received graduate training in dietetics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and was employed as a dietitian at the Lying-In Hospital in Boston at the time of her marriage.

Her skills and interests included sewing, painting, and cooking. She also raised small terriers as a hobby for several years and she loved to go to auctions.

Betty Coutts possessed the quick wit and honesty characteristic of her Brown heritage. During the last difficult years of her life, when she was in failing health, her courage prevailed. Her family and friends have missed her.

LLOYD GEORGE "Bud" COUTTS, Betty's husband, also attended UNH, entering the US Marine Corps following graduation and serving as an officer during World War II. A career Marine, Bud retired from the service in 1960. The family settled in Chula Vista, California, in the home they have owned there since 1949. Bud had a second vocation, teaching history in the public school system until his retirement in 1982. A skier, as Betty was, Bud is a sports enthusiast.

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*Information given by Geraldine Brown.

**Information from Elizabeth Brown Coutts.

Children of Lloyd and Betty Coutts:

11.3. LLOYD CORBETT COUTTS, b. 19 March 1943, Coronado, CA; marr. 15 Jan. 1971 at Berlin, Germany, CHRISTEL SCHREIBER, born 11 Oct. 1947; divorced 28 July 1975, Minot, N. Dakota. "Corby" is a graduate of the University of Washington. He has been a U.S. Air Force captain and a teacher and now owns a sporting goods store in Chula Vista. He and his daughter reside in Chula Vista, California.

Child:

12.7. CLAUDIA CHRISTINA COUTTS, born 15 March 1972, U.S. Govt. Hosp., Berlin.

11.4. KAREN LEE COUTTS was born 17 May, 1945, Oceanside, California. Karen (K-Lee) was employed as a dental technician, a skill she later taught in Bethlehem, PA, where she lived while she attended the Drexel Institute. She presently lives in Chula Vista, where she sells real estate.

11.5. GERALD RANDALL COUTTS, was born at Coronado, California, 21 March 1950; married 5 Nov. 1983, CHERYL FEUCHT, at Chula Vista; divorced; * "Randy" is a graduate of California State University, San Diego, and taught school in San Diego before going into business with his brother. Randy and Cheryl Coutts live at Coronado, California.

Child:

12.8. IAN MORGAN COUTTS, born 16 June 1984.

* re-married to _____ Dec. 1988.

LINE OF ISAAC ALMON HOWE:
Florence Helen Brown

9.18. FLORENCE HELEN BROWN was born 29 June 1886, at Auburn, Maine, the sixth child of Arthur and Martha (Howe) Brown; married in Dublin, N.H., 10 October 1912, THEODORE GUNN, who was born 27 January 1886, at Keene, New Hampshire, son of Elisha Gunn and Libby Warren. Florence Gunn died 3 July 1945, at Peterborough, New Hampshire. "Ted" Gunn died 25 November 1968, at Peterborough. Both are buried in Peterborough (131).

Florence "Floss" (Brown) Gunn was a nurse and was also active as a volunteer in the town of Peterborough. She was a warm and outgoing person with a positive manner and friendly disposition.

Ted Gunn held town offices in Peterborough for over 50 years. He was a vestryman in the Episcopal Church. In his profession of Electrical Engineer, New Hampshire Board of Underwriters, he gave visual demonstrations of fire safety throughout the United States and Canada. He also was a New Hampshire State President of the Sons of the American Revolution. He married (2), about 1946, Marion (last name unknown), who was active in the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, in Peterborough.

Children:

10.6. ROSAMOND Gunn, first daughter of Ted and Floss Gunn, was born in Peterborough, NH, 10 November 1914; married at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Peterborough, 29 June 1940. PERCY ROBERT WHITCOMB, b. 2 July 1915 at Dalton, NH, son of Henry Whitcomb and Etta Gallagher. Employed as a dealer trainer for Texaco, Inc., Percy died 24 December 1978.

Rosamond (Gunn) Whitcomb was a teacher in Peterborough until her retirement in 1979. She stays active as President of her condominium association and with volunteer work in her church and community.

Children:

11.6. ROSAMOND KAY WHITCOMB, born 23 December 1942, Peterborough, N.H.; marr. at St. John's Episcopal Church, Barrington, R.I., 25 May 1969, NEILL STODDARD COWLES, born 18 March 1941, Newington, Conn., son of William Cowles and Janet Stoddard. Kay is a secretary and Neil is an optometrist.

Children:

12.9. GEOFFREY WHITCOMB COWLES, b. 23 July 1972, Hyannis, Mass.

12.10. SARAH NEILL COWLES, b. 2 February 1974, Hyannis.

11.7. PERSIS DEE WHITCOMB, born 23 August 1946, Rutland, Vt.; married at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Peterborough, N.H., 24 June 1973, STEPHEN MICHAEL FONTAINE, b. 14 February 1947 in Peterborough, son of Milton Fontaine and Barbara Hood. They reside in Dublin, NH. Stephen has a Ford agency and Dee is a school teacher.

Children:

12.11. MARGUERITE FONTAINE, b. 7 April 1979 in Peterborough.

12.12. NATHANIEL FONTAINE, b. Peterborough, N.H., Hospital, 24 Feb. 1984.

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(131) Information given by Rosamond Whitcomb and Winona Cheney.

10.7. WINONA GUNN, born 8 July 1916, Peterborough, New Hampshire; married at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Peterborough, 24 August 1940, FRANCIS XAVIER CHENEY, born 22 March 1913, Keene, N.H., son of Francis Xavier Cheney and Carrie Connor. Francis is an Episcopal minister and Winona was a nurse. They reside in Jaffrey, N.H.

Children:

11.8. PETER GUNN CHENEY, born 17 September 1947, Worcester, Mass.; marr. 4 May 1975, Bethlehem, Penn., BONNIE ROSE CHRISTINE, b. 12 March 1942, Allentown, Penn., to Ernest and Rose C. Christine. No children. Peter is an Episcopal minister.

11.9. SARAH ANN CHENEY, born 2 July 1950, Springfield, Ohio; marr. 5 August 1974, at Peterborough, N.H., ALLEN L. OSHANA, b. 1949, Hartford, Conn., son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Oshana. Allen is a dentist and Sarah is a nurse. They reside in Guildford, Connecticut.

Children:

12.13. DAVID ROBERT OSHANA, born in Texas, 7 Nov. 1981.

12.14. STEPHANIE ANN OSHANA, born at Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn., 26 June 1985.

LINE OF ISAAC A. HOWE: Agnes L. Brown

9.19. AGNES L. BROWN was born in Hanover, Maine, in Oct. 1888; married Charles Moore about 1909; d. April (?) 1935. Agnes and Charles Moore were living in Hanover, Maine, in 1910 (Census record) with their baby, Norman. Charles Moore later worked at the paper mill in Rumford and the family lived in Mexico, Maine.

Children:

10.8. NORMAN MOORE, b. Hanover, Maine, about 1909; d. about 1912; buried in Hanover.

10.9. FLOYD MOORE; marr. IDA (last name unknown); d. about 1962(?)

Child:

11.10. ROBERT MOORE, b. about 1937.

10.10. CHARLES MOORE; marr. ?; d. April, 1972.

Child:

11.11. MARLENE MOORE, b. about 1935?

10.11. ROBERT (Randy) MOORE, killed in World War II; buried Hanover, Maine.

10.12. HAROLD ALAN MOORE, m. GRACE (last name unknown).

Child:

11.12. ARTHUR MOORE, d. before 1982.

10.13. ELEANOR (Nonnie) MOORE, b. about 1923; married EVERETT BURNHAM; resides in Mexico, Maine.

Children:

11.13. Son.

11.14. Daughter Randy m. (1) ——; (2) —— Brown.

11.15. Son.

LINE OF ISAAC ALMON HOWE:
Arthur George Brown

9.20. ARTHUR GEORGE BROWN was born in Hanover, Maine, 23 May 1891 (132), eighth child of Arthur and Martha (Howe) Brown; married 16 August 1911 (133), at Portland, Maine, TERESA MARY GALLAGHER, daughter of Matthew and Catherine (Milway) Gallagher, born (134) at Dunmurray, County Kildare, Ireland, 12 January 1887. Arthur died (135) in Lowell, Massachusetts, at a convalescent home, 23 November 1967, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Pepperell, Mass., 25 Nov. 1967. Teresa (Tess) died (136) at Ayer, Massachusetts, 18 April 1972; she was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, 20 April 1972.

Arthur and Teresa Brown spent the first years of their marriage in Hanover, Maine, where their son, Frederick Alan, was born. Arthur was a woodsman then, who gained perfect balance as he rode the logs down the Androscoggin River, an attribute he retained; however, during that time, he lost a thumb and two fingers from his right hand in a sawmill accident. Despite that mishap, Arthur loved Maine and returned as often as he could to visit.

The family moved to Pepperell, Mass., about 1917, where Arthur worked for the Nashua River Paper Company until his retirement in 1956. Arthur Brown, Sr., then a widower, lived with the family until his death, 29 March 1922. They resided first on Main Street and later on Pleasant Street in a home now owned by Matthew Brown.

Arthur and Fred Brown, his son, were very fond of outdoor life: hunting, fishing, sports. Arthur was a strong, athletic man--a powerful swimmer who taught his wife and children the skill. His was not a contemplative nature. An avid reader, Arthur preferred tales of action and adventure. The whole family joined in games of cards and cribbage, which Arthur played with zest.

There were always animals around, as Arthur raised English foxhounds for a while, then coon hounds, and, finally, beagles. He was very good with animals and his dogs regularly took prizes, both on the bench and in the field. The saddle horses he kept during the war years, which he and his daughter rode, were a source of pleasure--and work. One was a versatile mare which he broke to the saddle. "Princess" also pulled a sulkey, a sleigh, a buggy, and a plow used to cultivate Victory gardens, theirs and the neighbors'.

Arthur's retirement years were perhaps his best ones, for he was free to do the things he liked, fishing or running the dogs in the woods. By then, however, his health was deteriorating and he could not walk very far. He suffered a series of emergencies which sent him by ambulance to the hospital and, finally, a major crippling stroke. He went to a rest home, where he died of a heart attack during an exercise session, Thanksgiving day, 1967, aged 76 years.

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(132) See Figure 16.

(133) See Figure 17.

(134) See Figure 18.

(135) Vital Record, Pepperell.
(136) Ibid.

STATE OF MAINE

COPY OF A RECORD OF LIVE BIRTH

VOID IF ALTERED OR ERASED

Office of the Clerk of Hanover, Maine

	Full Name of Child	Sex	Date of Birth
CHILD	Arthur George Brown	M	May 23, 1891
	Birthplace	Residence of Mother	
	Hanover, Maine	Hanover, Maine	
ATTENDANT	Name of Physician or Attendant	Address	
	J. W. Stewart, M.D.	Rumford, Maine	
REGISTRAR	Name of Clerk that Recorded this Birth	Date Received by Clerk	
		Recorded by Delayed Form July 9, 1954	
MOTHER	Mother's Maiden Name	Age	Birthplace
	Martha Howe		Marchias, Main
FATHER	Father's Name	Age	Birthplace
	Arthur M. Brown		Oxford, Maine

The above is a true copy of facts entered on the record of the birth of the person named hereon which is in my official custody.

ATTEST Barbara C Ellingwood

CLERK OF Hanover DATE ISSUED April 22, 1982

VS-20-R-1078

Figure 16. Birth Record of Arthur G. Brown

STATE OF MAINE

CERTIFIED ABSTRACT OF A RECORD OF MARRIAGE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

GROOM		BRIDE	
FULL NAME		FULL NAME	
Arthur George Brown		Teresa May Gallagher	
RESIDENCE City, Town or Location		RESIDENCE City, Town or Location	
Hanover, Maine		Portland, Maine	
AGE 21	BIRTHPLACE Hanover, Maine	AGE 21	BIRTHPLACE Ireland

DATE INTENTIONS FILED		DATE OF MARRIAGE	August 16, 1911
BY WHOM MARRIED	Martin A. Clary	OFFICIAL TITLE	Clergyman
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Portland, Maine		
MARRIAGE RECORDED BY	Arthur G. Howe	CLERK OF	Hanover MAINE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of information contained on the record of marriage of the above named persons which is in my official custody.

ATTEST: Barbara C Ellingwood Clerk of Hanover, Maine

DATE ISSUED April 22, 1982

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Figure 17. Marriage record of Arthur G. Brown.

Teresa Mary Gallagher

TERESA GALLAGHER was born in a village in County Kildare, Ireland, an area that is called the "heart of the British pale." Kildare was given that sobriquet because the British landlords, who were members of the lesser peerage and nobility, dominated the area, which is just south of Dublin and across the English Channel from Britain.

The famous Kildare Stud Farm where the Irish thoroughbred horses are raised is near the place of Teresa's birth. So is the Curragh, or racetrack, a historic spot where several of the brave Irish lads died ("cruelly slaughtered", according to Irish tradition) in the Black and Tan Rebellion of 1916.

The Gallagher clan was centered in County Donegal, in the north, but her family made the trek to Kildare, according to a cousin, some 300 years ago. They may have become Catholic at that time, I am told, although that conjecture has not been confirmed.

According to Edward MacLysaght (137)

> O'GALLAGHER. The name of this sept . . . signifies descendant of Gallagher. . . Their territory extended over a wide area in the modern baronies of Raphoe and Tirhugh, Co. Donegal, and their chiefs were notable as marshals of O'Donnell's military forces from the fourteenth to the sixteenth centuries. The principal branch of the sept was seated at Ballybeit and Ballynaglack.
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> Gallagher, usually without its prefix O, is one of the commonest names in Ireland being fourteenth in the statistical list compiled from birth registrations. Most of these were recorded in the north-western counties of Ulster and Connacht, the majority being from County Donegal, the original homeland of the sept.
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> The national records show them to have been even more intimately connected with ecclesiastical than with military activities. No less than six O'Gallaghers were bishops of Raphoe in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries and one in the eighteenth. . .

There were twelve children born to Matthew and Catherine Gallagher, including the two youngest, Teresa and her twin, Lawrence, who died at birth. In all, five died young; seven reached adulthood: Mary, Matthew, Patrick, Charles, Bridget, Catherine, and Teresa, as ascertained by gravestone inscriptions and family letters. Mary, Catherine, and Teresa came to the United States.

Several of Teresa's family, including her parents, Matthew and Catherine (Milway) Gallagher, are buried in a private cemetery just outside Kildare. The grave is marked by a large stone erected by Teresa's nephew, Matthew Gallagher, her brother's son. An English family, the Meddlicotts, are buried in the same cemetery. Matthew Gallagher was in their employ, according to his grandson. The Meddlicott family died out, except for one son, who returned to England.

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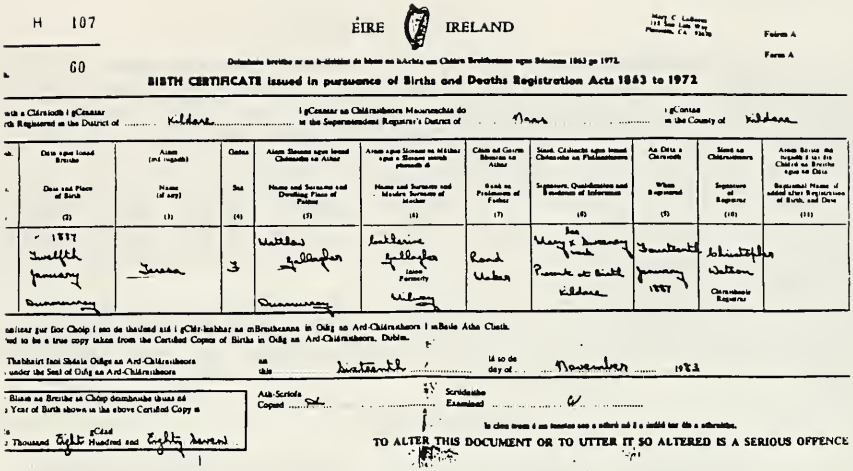
(137) Edward McLysaght, Irish Families, Their Names, Arms and Origins (New York: Crown Publishers, Inc., 1957).



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Form A

Form A

Deimhnithe breithe ar an b-dóibhéir de bhéas an hAchta um Chláru Breithéanna agus Bésanna 1863 go 1972.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE issued in pursuance of Births and Deaths Registration Acts 1863 to 1972

...th a Cláraíodh i gCeantar ...rth Registered in the District of Kildare i gCeantar an Chláraitheora Maoirseachta do ... in the Superintendent Registrar's District of Naas i gContae ... in the County of Kildare

Date agus Ionad Breithe / Date and Place of Birth (2)	Ainm (má tugadh) / Name (if any) (1)	Gnéas / Sex (4)	Ainm Sloinne agus Ionad Chónaithe an Athar / Name and Surname and Dwelling Place of Father (5)	Ainm agus Sloinne an Máthar agus a Sloinne sinsh phenoth di / Name and Surname and Maiden Surname of Mother (6)	Céim nó Gairm Bhéasa an Athar / Rank or Profession of Father (7)	Sinsi, Cáilsiocht agus Ionad Chónaithe an Fhálaisteoraa / Signature, Qualification and Residence of Informant (8)	An Dáta a Cláraíodh / When Registered (9)	Sinsi an Chláraitheora / Signature of Registrar (10)	Ainm Bésan má tugadh é ar fiu Chláru na Breithe agus an Dáta / Registrar's Name if added after Registration of Birth, and Date (11)
1887 Twelfth January Dunmurray	Teresa	F	Matthew Gallagher Dunmurray	Catherine Gallagher Ianee Formerly Milway	Road Maker	Mary E. Dunmurray Mark Pierce at Birth Kildare	Fourteenth January 1887	Christopher Watson Clarashoole Registrar	

...nlizar gur fior Chóip i seo de thaifead atá i gClár-leabhar an mBreithéanna in Oifig an Ard-Chláraitheora i mBaile Átha Cliath. ...ed to be a true copy taken from the Certified Copies of Births in Oifig an Ard-Chláraitheora, Dublin.

Thabhairt faoi Shéala Oifige an Ard-Chláraitheora ... under the Seal of Oifig an Ard-Chláraitheora an this Sixteenth lá so de day of November 1983

... Bliain an Breithe sa Chóip deimhnithe thuas nó ... Year of Birth shown in the above Certified Copy is

... Thousand Eight gCéad Hundred and Eighty seven

Ath-Scrifa Copied ... Scrúdaithe Examined ...

Is cion trom é an teastas seo a athrú nó é a inléiá tar éis a athraithe.

TO ALTER THIS DOCUMENT OR TO UTTER IT SO ALTERED IS A SERIOUS OFFENCE

Figure 18. Birth record of Teresa M. Gallagher.

Laugh:

Build for yourself a strong box,
Fashion each part with care,
Fit it with hasp and padlock,
Put all your troubles there.
Hide therein all your failures,
and each bitter cup you quaff;
Lock all your heartaches within it,
Then sit on the lid and laugh.

Tell no one of its contents;
Never its secrets share;
Drop in your cares and worries,

Nashville Lokesbury Press
Keep them forever there
Hide them from sight so completely
The world will never dream half.
Fasten the top down securely,
Then - sit on the lid and laugh.

From Master Book of humorous illustrations;
Compiled and edited by
Leewin B. Williams
Author and compiler of
"Striking illustrations"
"Pungent paragraphs"
"Climaxes of eloquence".

Figure 19. Poem sent to her daughter: advice at eighty.

Teresa's paternal grandparents, Charles and Mary Gallagher, are buried in the churchyard next to the Carmelite Church in Kildare, their grave marked with a stone engraved with the name, Gallaher. (The second "G" is not pronounced in Ireland.) The Milways, her maternal grandparents, are probably buried in nearby Tully, where their presence is established by a tax list, although the grave has not yet been found.

Teresa, a devout Catholic, was educated by the Sisters of Charity, as a day pupil in a school at Kildare. "Miss Teresa Gallagher was received into the Association of the Children of Mary (138), on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception," in 1902, the inscription in her manual signed by Rev. S. Campion, S.J., Director, and Sister Mary Clare, Directress. Membership was bestowed on "those children who had distinguished themselves by their fervor and good conduct."

Teresa went to New York to join her sister Mary and (possibly with Catherine) left from Queenstown, Oct. 1906. In New York, Tess worked for Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin, widow of the composer, and lived on East 57th Street. Apparently she went to the Rangely Lakes, Maine, about 1910 and met Arthur Brown, who was guiding tourists there. Before her marriage, Teresa lived with the Edward Tuckers in Portland, Maine. Arthur and Tess Brown lived with his parents in Hanover, Maine, after their marriage and until they moved to Pepperell.

Teresa lived for fewer than five years after her husband's death, succumbing on 18 April 1972, following gall bladder surgery. During her last hospital stay, some neighbor children came to the door and asked, "Did Mrs. Brown leave any candy for us when she went away?" She always had treats on hand for the children, as they well knew.

An unfulfilled wish was to return to the Emerald Isle before her death. It was not to be and perhaps only those of Irish blood can appreciate her nostalgia. Teresa (Gallagher) Brown was a great lady and she has been sorely missed.

Children of Arthur and Teresa (Gallagher) Brown:

10.17. FREDERICK ALAN BROWN, b. 11 May 1912, Hanover, Maine; married 20 November 1941, Pepperell, Mass., ANNE COLBERT, daughter of Matthew and Anna (Cummings) Colbert; died 13 May 1981, Pepperell. Anne died 15 March 1983, in a rest home in Lowell (139).

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(138) Inscription written in the Manual of the Children of Mary for the Use of Boarding-Schools and Orphanages, from the French (Dublin: James Duffy and Co., Ltd., 1902?)

(139) Brown records at Pepperell courtesy of Arthur M. Brown.

Fred Brown liked athletics and played football and baseball in high school. He also was an avid hunter and fisherman, especially skilled with a fly rod. He served in the United States Army for a year before World War II and then, throughout the war, was in the Coast Artillery, stationed at Montauk Point, Long Island, New York. Fred worked for the St. Regis Paper Company from high school until his retirement in 1970. He, Anne, and their family resided on Tarbell Street, Pepperell.

Children:

11.16. FREDERICK ALAN BROWN, Jr., b. Nashua, New Hampshire, 11 August 1945; graduate of Univ. of Tennessee; married BRENDA JONES about 1975; the couple resides at Lowell, Mass. Fred served in the United States Army. Fred and Brenda are social workers; no children.

11.17. MATTHEW MICHAEL BROWN, born Nashua, N.H., 6 February, 1949; married DIANE SANTERRE of Fitchburg, Mass., about 1970. Matt served in the Marine Corps. He works for the postal department in Groton, Mass., and lives with his family in his grandparents' old home on Pleasant Street in Pepperell. Diane is an aide at the Peter Fitzpatrick School in Pepperell.

Children:

12.17. CASEY MATTHEW BROWN, b. 29 Nov. 1970.
12.18. JOHN BROWN, twin, b. 6 Dec. 1975.
12.19. PETER BROWN, twin, b. 6 Dec. 1975.

10.18. ARTHUR MATTHEW BROWN, b. Pepperell, Mass., 22 September 1920; married St. Joseph's Church, Lakeland, Florida, 17 July 1943, MARY EILEEN ORDWAY, b. 21 December 1918, Pepperell, Mass., daughter of Frederick and Delia (MacDonald) Ordway. Eileen died at Ayer, Mass., 27 August 1962. Arthur (Bud) Brown was training as an electronics technician in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Florida, when he and Eileen were married. His ground support unit was later sent to Foggia, Italy, where he spent much of World War II. After the untimely death of his wife, Eileen, Bud did an admirable job of raising their five children. Employed by the St. Regis Paper Company as a purchasing agent for several years, Bud retired in 1983.

Children:

11.18. MARILYN PATRICIA BROWN, b. Ayer, Mass., 18 May 1946; married WILLIAM McHAHON, son of William and Doris (Hackett) McMahon, Pepperell, Mass., October, 1970. Marilyn is a graduate of Fitchburg State College and has been a first grade teacher for several years. Bill is a private contractor, specializing in masonry. They bought the old Merrill place next-door to her father's home on Main Street, Pepperell, where they live with their five children, all born in Nashua, N.H.:

12.20. WILLIAM KENNY McMAHON, b. 10 Jan. 1972.
12.21. RYAN McMAHON, b. 24 March 1975.
12.22. SEAN PATRICK McMAHON, b. 20 Nov. 1978.
12.23 CAITLIN EILEEN McMAHON, b. 9 May 1980.
12.24. ELIZABETH HOWE McMAHON, b. 6 December 1982.

11.19. ARTHUR MATTHEW BROWN, Jr., b. Ayer, Mass., 1 September 1950; unm.; works as an independent contractor; res. Pepperell, Mass.
11.20. KEVIN RICHARD BROWN, b. 25 June 1954, Ayer, Mass., unm.; works as a private contractor; res. Pepperell.
11.21. MARY SHEILA BROWN, b. 26 Feb. 1957; grad. of Univ. of Mass., a nurse in the public health field; unm., Pepperell.
11.22. JAMES PATRICK BROWN, b. 28 Jan. 1960; unm.; works in the hardware business; res. Pepperell.

10.19. MARY CATHERINE BROWN, b. Pepperell, Mass., 1 March 1922; married at St. Cecilia's Church, Boston, Mass., 30 June 1946, EDWARD WILLIAM LaROCCA, b. Everett, Mass., 11 Nov. 1921, son of Michael and Louise (Zingarello) LaRocca. Mary attended the Mass. College of Art in Boston and, several years later, earned bachelor's and master's degrees from California State University, Fullerton. She has been employed as an illustrator and has taught school at the high school and university levels.

Edward LaRocca is a graduate of the United States Naval Postgraduate Engineering School in Monterey, California. He was an engineer with the U.S. Navy Dept. for several years at China Lake, California, a position he left for private industry in 1963. Ed is employed by General Dynamics, Pomona, California, as an Engineering Specialist. He has also been an instructor at the Graduate School of Engineering, University of Southern California, and has published many technical papers and holds several patents. At present his pastime is exploring new uses of the computer--a field both he and Mary enjoy.

Child:

11.23. MARTHA LaROCCA, b. 14 February 1948, Mt. Auburn Hospital, Watertown, Mass.; married at Fullerton, CA, 29 Nov. 1980, HENRY MULKIEWICZ, b. Conshohocken, Penn., 30 April 1931, son of Adolph Mulkiewicz. Martha was a performance major (voice), a graduate of the University of Southern California, with a master's degree from Rosary College, Villa Schifanoia campus, Fiesole, Italy. She has performed in Italy and widely in the New York area, as well as in California.

Henry is an executive with Revlon Corporation in New Jersey. He holds master's degrees in engineering and in computer science and is a golf enthusiast. He has three daughters: Lucia, a graduate of McGill University; Christina, a graduate of Barnard; and Julia, a student at New York University. Henry and Martha make their home in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

Child:

12.25. HENRY EDWARD MULKIEWICZ, b. Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, July 1, 1985.

9.21. IRA A.BROWN was born in Hanover, Maine, 2 April, 1894, the ninth child of Arthur and Martha (Howe) Brown. He married, 28 July 1917 at Bethel, Maine, MIRIAM COLE, who was born 3 April 1897 in Washington, D.C., to Elmer and Emma (Parker) Cole. Miriam died in Hanover, 13 June 1971 of heart disease; Ira died there on 4 Sept. 1975. They are buried in Hanover.

Ira was a woodsman and guide around Hanover, Maine, for most of his life. He was the quintessential Maine native, with his dry wit and laconic nature. He suffered a serious stroke several years before his death. Miriam, his wife, will be remembered for her quiet charm and hospitality and her good cooking. She was the family correspondent, keeping in touch with family members through her welcome letters.

Children:

10.20. EVELYN LOUISE BROWN was born in Hanover, Maine, 19 June 1918; married 17 Dec. 1936, FRANK WORCESTER, born 13 Jan. 1908, Rumford Center, Maine. Frank was employed for many years as a manual arts teacher. The couple reside in Hanover in the winter, spending much of their summer time in Columbia, Maine, where they own a home. Like Miriam, Louise is a great cook. Another interest, shared by the whole family, is genealogy.

Children:

11.24. DAVID SHEPHERD WORCESTER, born in Hanover, 1 Oct. 1938; graduate of Univ. of Maine; employed for many years as a school teacher in Bethel. David is a skilled craftsman whose handmade dulcimers have attracted wide attention. Unm., David lives at home with his parents.

11.25. CLEMENT RICHARD WORCESTER, born in Rumford, 21 Sept. 1942; marr. 16 Jan. 1976, DONNA PEARE, b. 10 Dec. 1955. They reside in Hanover.

Children:

12.26. BRIAN DANIEL WORCESTER, b. Rumford, 24 Mar. 1977.

12.27. JENNY LOUISE WORCESTER, b. Lewiston, 7 May 1980.

11.26. WILLIAM WALDO WORCESTER, b. Rumford, 16 May 1947; marr. GAIL CHASE, b. 20 Jan. 1953. They reside in Hanover, across the street from his parents.

Children:

12.28. DAREN JASON WORCESTER, b. Rumford, 12 Oct. 1976.

12.29. BRAD MAYNARD FRANKLIN WORCESTER, b. Rumford, 24 Nov. 1979.

12.30. MICHAEL JASON WORCESTER, b. Rumford, 12 May 1982.

10.21. RICHARD IRA BROWN, born Hanover, Maine, 3 Aug. 1919; unm.; a carpenter by trade; resides in Hanover.

10.22. ROBERT ARTHUR BROWN, b. 31 July 1929, Hanover, unm., also a carpenter. Bob lives in Hanover, where his brothers have recently built a new house and barn for him. He is a horse fancier and antique collector.

10.23. ELIZABETH MIRIAM BROWN, born 16 Sept. 1931, Hanover; attended Bethel Academy; married GEORGE HAYDEN 26 Dec. 1962, his second wife. George Hayden works for the paper company in Rumford. "Betty" and "Wink" live in Poland Springs, Me. No children.

10.24. STANLEY ELMER BROWN, born 16 March 1935, Hanover; attended Bethel Academy; unm.; also a carpenter. Stan owns some handsome horses. He resides in Hanover in the home built by his parents.

FIRST (and last) ADDENDUM

22 Sept. 1986

Louise Brown Worcester has informed me that my information concerning Betty and Wink Hayden is not complete and is somewhat misleading in that Wink is not employed by the paper company in Rumford. For the record, with apologies to the Haydens:

George (Wink), his brother and father own a paper products business in Auburn. They sell containers and wrapping supplies. The company is also the largest distributor of 3M products in the east. They do sell their products to the mill at Rumford and Wink, as a salesman for the company, thus deals with them and other factories, bakeries, etc. He travels all over Maine and New Hampshire. Two of his sons are also employed by the company, one in Bangor and one in Portland. A third son lives in the midwest.

Betty Hayden is a licensed realtor, has her own company, "Hayden Realty," and Clem Worcester, Louise and Frank's son, works for her as a salesman. (I would also like to add that Betty is a pretty and charming lady, who looks a lot like her mother, Miriam.)

The problem with bringing a line down to the present generation is that more information is available on some persons than on others. Also, my own bias is shown in writing extensively of my parents, but I felt that it was perhaps my only chance to share information which might otherwise be lost. In the case of Betty Coutts, it seemed appropriate to write an obituary since I knew her during her last years and saw her quite often. No one else who was doing a family history was in that position, to my knowledge. It was not possible to do the same thing for my brother, as I could only recall him as he was in his youth. (We have lived away from my family since 1952, except for occasional visits home.) Not everyone will be pleased with what is said and what is omitted, but bear with me--I really did give it my best shot!

PART IV: MORE DESCENDANTS of ISAAC and RACHEL HOWE

Line of Ephraim W. Howe:

Samuel C. and Margaret J. Howe.
William H. and Eliza R. Howe.
Another Son, Name Unknown.
Ephraim and Margaret M. Howe.

Line of Samuel C. Howe

Line of Mary E. Howe:

John D.F. and Alicia White.
George W. and Priscilla J. White.
Dexter F. and Addie White.

Line of Rachel A. Howe.

GENERATIONS SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE & TEN:
LINE OF EPHRAIM WEST HOWE

Ephraim West and Barbara Ann (Severence) Howe

7.3. EPHRAIM W. HOWE was born in Northport, Waldo County, Maine, 13 March 1822 (140); married at Milford, Maine, in 1843, BARBARA ANN SEVERENCE, born February, 1824, Ellsworth, Maine (141), the daughter of Caleb Severence (b. Brewer) and Mary Perry (b. Steuben). Ephraim died in Calais, Washington County, Maine, 13 July 1912, aged 90 years and four months (142). Barbara Ann Howe died in Calais, 1 September 1898, aged 74 years and seven months (143).

Military Service

Ephraim W. Howe, aged 40, enlisted at Bangor, Maine, in the 9th Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, 10 September 1862 (144), serving for nine months in Company "F" and receiving an honorable discharge. He is described as five feet and eight inches tall, with light complexion, blue eyes and dark hair. He re-enlisted in the 22nd Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on 6 April 1865, and was discharged on 10 May 1865. He is buried in the Calais Cemetery, Section 19, R48, Lot No. 1, his grave marked by an upright government stone.

Census and Other Records

From information given on the death record of their son, Samuel C. Howe (145), in 1925, it is learned that the Howe family lived about 20 years in Brewer, Penobscot County, before moving back to Calais, Washington County. Military records (146) place Ephraim in Bangor, Penobscot County, in September 1862, when he first enlisted in the army and in Calais in April, 1865, when he re-enlisted. A land deed (147) indicates that Ephraim was living in Calais before May, 1864, when he mortgaged property on School Street, on which he had homesteaded. The Howe family therefore must have moved from Brewer to Calais around 1863.

Ephraim and Barbara A. Howe were living in Bradley (near Brewer), Penobscot County, Maine, in 1850 (148), his occupation given as "waterman." Their children were Samuel C., five years; Rachel M., three years; Salina A., eleven months. Ephraim had evidently named his son "Samuel C. Howe" after his brother and his daughter "Rachel M. Howe" after his mother, Rachel (Davis Howe) Folsom.

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(140) Civil War service cards and cemetery records, Augusta, Maine.

(141) Bureau of Vital Statistics, Augusta: 1897-1907.

(142) Ibid., 1912.

(143) Ibid., 1898.

(144) Loc. Cit., AGO, Augusta.

(145) Bureau of Vital Statistics, Augusta.

(146) Civil War Service Cards and Gravestone Records, Augusta.

(147) Washington County, Maine, Register of Deeds: 108:343.

(148) Penobscot County, Maine, Census, 1850:266.

Ephraim Howe was not on the 1860 and 1870 Maine censuses. On 17 June 1880 (149), the family was living on Pleasant Street, Milltown, Calais. Ephraim's occupation was "stevedore." At 55 years, he and Barbara Ann, 53, had two children at home: Ephraim, seventeen, who "cures fish," and Nelly, twelve, "at school." In 1900 and in 1910, according to census records, Ephraim was living with some of his grandchildren at the same address.

Land and Property Records

For much of his long life, Ephraim Howe worked as a "water man" or longshoreman, first at Brewer on the Penobscot River, and later at Calais, where the St. Croix River flows into Passamaquoddy Bay. It must have been hard work. As with his brother, Isaac, Ephraim bought property which he often had to mortgage for cash to live on. A casual glance at the records might suggest that the man was a veritable entrepreneur in real estate and, by all rights, he should have been rich. A closer inspection of the deeds, however,reveals that Ephraim actually owned only two lots in Calais, which he used as collateral for badly needed cash.

Although Ephraim lived in Penobscot County for some 20 years, no land and property transactions were found for him there. His presence in Calais, however, was marked by a series of mortgage transactactions with relatives, probable neighbors and friends, and at times with others (less sympathetic to his financial problems) who foreclosed.

Ephraim Howe may have homesteaded on property in Milltown after being mustered out of the Army for the first time. He then purchased that land (150) of the owner, William Boardman on May 4, 1864. Ephraim's property in Milltown, is described in the Boardman document as follows:

"Beginning at the south side of a cross street leading from the southerly terminus of Boardman Street to the Baring Road at a point one hundred and fifty feet Easterly from the East line of David Leighton's lot at a wall built by me, and running thence southerly by said wall eight rods, thence Easterly at right angles with said wall and parallel with said cross street five rods, thence northerly at right angles with said street eight rods to the street thence westerly on the south side of said street five rods to the wall aforesaid, containing one fourth acre."

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(149) Census record: E.D. #197, p. 36.

(150) Reg. Deeds, 108:343.

Figure 20 . Property in Calais Conveyed to Ephraim W. Howe by Wm. Boardman in 1864

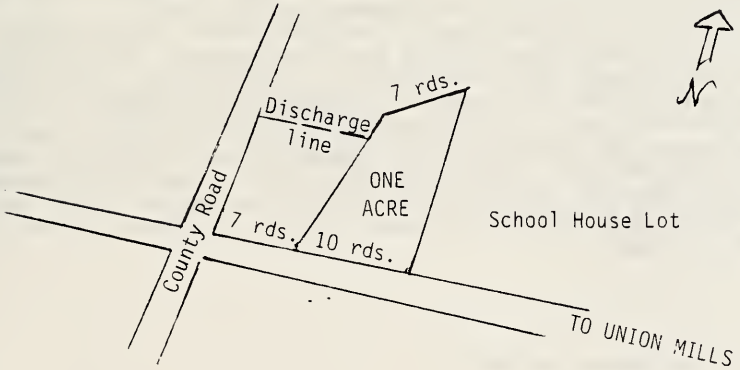

Figure 21 . Property in Calais Conveyed to Ephraim W. Howe by James S. Hall, 30 May 1873.

In a document (151) dated 20 Jan. 1865, Ephraim Howe mortgaged the lot for $300 to Maria Purrington (Nee How) for two years, plus interest. (The record of the marriage intention of Maria How to Alexander Purrington, dated 15 March 1864, is found in Calais Vital Records. This was Ephraim's daughter, Rachel Maria.) Copied on the back of the page is a discharge (152), dated 14 Mar. 1866, of all claims to the property from Maria Purrington. The mortgage had been paid.

Two days later, 16 March 1866, Ephraim mortgaged the same property (153) to Charles L. Kelley for $300 with the following terms: $50 payable in four months and $250 to be paid with interest in one year. On the margin of the document is a note of discharge from Charles L. Kelley, dated April, 1867, the mortgage having been paid.

On 8 April 1867, Ephraim again mortgaged this same Milltown, Calais, lot, this time to Stephen B. Kelley of Calais for $100.00 (154), to be re-paid with interest in six months. A couple of weeks later, 23 April 1867, an agreement was signed (155) between Ephraim W. Howe and Benjamin F. Folsom, Ephraim's stepfather. Benjamin Folsom of Topsfield conveyed to Ephraim Howe, <u>also of Topsfield</u>, for $500.00, property at Topsfield, described as follows:

"a certain piece or parcel of land . . . in Topsfield . . . it being the farm now occupied by said Benjamin Folsom according to a deed given by George W. Patch of Greenwood . . . dated the twenty-fourth day of June 1846, with the following reserve--fifty acres deeded to Mary E. White and now occupied by Nelson P. Sweet, and one hundred and five rods deeded to John Dudley . . . containing one hundred and seven acres more or less. The condition of this deed is the said Ephraim W. Howe . . . share at all times during the natural lives of the said Benjamin Folsom and his wife and them provide with meat, drink, clothes, nursing, medicine and other things necessary for their comfortable support."

In return for a lifetime lease of the family farm, Ephraim signed an indenture (156), dated 6 May 1867, in which he promised to provide his mother and her husband with the things they required and he further agreed that they were to do no work except that of their own choosing. Written on the face of this deed, along the margin, are the following words: "I hereby relinguish all claim to the witnessed deed as conditions therein mentioned being broken." (Signed) Ephraim W. How. Witness, W.F. Johnson, J.P. Dated at Topsfield, August 14, A.D. 1864. Four months after taking over the family farm, Ephraim and Barbara Ann were suddenly out in the cold. What happened?

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(151) Reg. Deeds, 109:36-7.

(152) Ibid., 112:503.

(153) Ibid.

(154) Ibid., 116:202.

(155) Ibid, p. 339.

(156) Ibid, p. 340.

It may be that Ephraim had a problem in raising the entire $500.00 or there could have been a family dispute over the situation. In any case, the identical lease and indenture (157) were conveyed to Mary E. White, Rachel Folsom's daughter, on 27 May 1868, one year after Ephraim had signed the same agreement. On 23 June 1870, Mary E. White and family were living in a house next door (158) to the Folsoms in Topsfield and the family farm was theirs, subject to the terms already noted.

There was one difference between Ephraim's deed and that of Mary Ellen: the selling price. Mary E. (Howe) White paid $1400.00, whereas Ephraim had paid only $500.00. She had perhaps simply come up with a better offer, which the Folsoms found too good to refuse.

On 1 May 1867, about a week after Ephraim Howe received the deed to the Folsom farm, he had sold his Milltown, Calais, property to Richard B. Dudley for $300.00 (159), subject to the mortgage deed of $100.00 held by Stephen B. Kelley. This was a sale of the property, not a mortgage, with Barbara Ann Howe relinquishing her right of dower. Ephraim's family was settled at Topsfield on the Folsom farm and had no further use for the Calais property--so they had thought.

After his failure to keep the family farm, Ephraim disappeared from census and property records for several years and may possibly have moved away for a time. After a six-year absence from the records of Washington County, on 30 May 1873, Ephraim acquired property (160) in Calais from James S. Hall. He then mortgaged it back to Hall for $275.00 payable in three years at seven percent annually. This property is described as "a certain piece or parcel of land situated in Calais on School Street leading to the Union Mills commencing on said street seven rods from the County Road, then running east about ten rods more or less to the school house lot, thence on a northeasterly course on said line . . . about one acre more or less."

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(157) Reg. Deeds, 119:305-7.

(158) Washington County, Maine, Census, 1870:5.

(159) Ibid., 117:392-3.

(160) Ibid., 134:138.

The trust deed held by Hall was purchased by Joseph Granger of Calais (161), through the Calais Bank, and held in trust for George M. Jackman, Jr., of Newburyport, Mass. Probably Jackman, like Charles Sterns of Penobscot County, was buying up delinquent mortgages. From the terms of the deed dated 7 June 1878, it seems that Jackman wanted a clear title: "The object and intention of this deed is to discharge the said Howe's right in equity to redeem said mortgage and to release Granger's interest in trust as aforesaid so as to place a clear title to said land in the said George M. Jackman, Jr., entirely & fully discharged from said mortgage and trust." Jackman paid $15.00 and "other good considerations" to Howe and Granger, who quit-claimed the property to Jackson. So, Ephraim lost his property.

Four years later, on 26 May 1882, Ephraim W. Howe bought back for $450.00 property (162) described by Jackman as "that I bought of Ephraim Howe and Joseph Granger, formerly mortgaged to James S. Hall of Calais." The document was signed by Geo. W. Jackman and Rosalie L. Jackman and sworn to before the Commissioner of Massachusetts, 26 May 1882 and received by J.C. Adams, Register of Washington County, Maine, 29 May 1882. Ephraim had his property back again, but not for good.

Once again, on 21 Aug. 1882, the lot was mortgaged to Prescott M. Purrington (or Purington) of Calais (163) for $100.00, payable in one year at seven percent interest, with Barbara Ann Howe again relinquishing her right of dower. On the margin of the deed, it is noted that the mortgage was fully paid by Ephraim W. Howe and discharged on 1 Aug. 1883.

Before he had paid off Purrington, however, Ephraim Howe had taken a second mortgage (164), dated 3 Nov. 1882, from William A. Murchie, for $50.00, payable in a year at seven percent interest. In a separate transaction (165), dated 1 July 1883, the mortgage was discharged as paid before George R. Gardner, J.P.

Apparently still in need of cash, on 18 July 1883, Ephraim Howe mortgaged the Milltown lot (166) to Harry F. Eaton of Milltown, County of Charlotte, New Brunswick, for $300.00, payable in one year at seven percent interest. The couple both signed a promissory note, with Barbara Ann Howe relinquishing her right of dower and their daughter, Nelly Howe, witnessing the signing. On the margin of this deed there is a note: "For foreclosure see Vol. "U," page 14. Ephraim had lost his property again.

Since Ephraim and his family were living on Pleasant Street, Milltown, Calais, in 1880 and thereafter until his death in 1912, he apparently never lived on the School Street property.

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(161) Reg. Deeds, 149:58.

(162) Ibid., 160:63.

(163) Ibid., 159:374-5.

(164) Ibid., 161:55.

(165) Ibid., p.515.

(166) Ibid., 165:246.

[Form E-3]

RECORD OF A DEATH.

No. of Record

Name Ephraim W. Howe

Place of Death Calais, Me.

Street Pleasant No. Ward 3

Date of Death: Year 1912 Month 7 Day 13

Age: Years 90 Months 11 Days

Place of Birth Southport, Me.

Sex M Color W Married, Single, Widowed or Divorced W

Occupation Steredore

Name of Father Isaac Charles Howe

Maiden Name of Mother Rachel M. R. Davis

Birthplace of Father New Hampshire

Birthplace of Mother N.W.O. Steuben Me.

Occupation of Father

Deceased was wife of

Widow of

Cause of Death Pneumonia

[OVER]

Figure 22. Death record of Ephraim W. Howe.

Form E-3

RECORD OF A DEATH

Place of Death Calais, Maine

Street North No. 98

Name Samuel C. Howe

How long a resident 60 years

Previous residence Brewer, Me.

Sex M Color W Married, Single, Widowed or Divorced W

Deceased was husband of Margaret J. Howe

" " wife of

Date of Birth: Year 1843 Month 11 Day 3

Age: Years, 71 Months, 5 Days, 1

Occupation Retired

Place of Birth Brewer, Maine

Name of Father Ephraim Howe

Birthplace of Father America

Occupation of Father Stevedore

Maiden Name of Mother Barbara Sowers

Birthplace of Mother America

Name of Informant Walter Howe

Date of Death: Year 1915 Month 4 Day 26

Cause of Death Bronchitis

106. Pneumonia

Duration

Contributing cause

Duration

Figure 23. Death record of Samuel C. Howe, his son.

The Family of Ephraim West and Barbara Ann (Severence) Howe

8.1. SAMUEL C. HOWE, born 3 Nov. 1843, Brewer, Penobscot Co., Maine; marr. 29 June 1865, Margaret Jane Sears, born about 1847, New Brunswick, Canada, of English extraction; died 4 April 1925, Calais, Washington Co., Maine. Margaret died prior to 1900. Samuel lived in Vanceboro in 1870; in Calais, Milltown, in 1880 (167); a widower in 1900, he was living on North Street, Calais, with his son, Walter (168).

Samuel C. Howe served in the Civil War (169) from March 19, 1864 to June 3, 1865, Co. "A," 9th Regt., Infantry, Maine Volunteers. He received an honorable discharge. Described as twenty years old, five feet and seven and one-half inches tall, with hazel eyes, brown hair, and fair complexion, Samuel's occupation was "laborer." He died at Calais, 4 April 1925, and is buried in Calais Cemetery, Sect. 19, R48, Lot No. 1 (next to his father), his grave marked with an upright stone.

Children:

9.22. SERENA HOWE, b. Maine, c1866.

9.23. WILLIAM G. HOWE, b. New Brunswick, Mar., 1869; marr. Mary Alice Carroll, b. May, 1871, Milltown, New Brunswick, Canada of English extraction. The family resided on North Street, Ward 4, Calais, in 1900 (170). William's occupation was "barber."

Children:

10:25. EVA MARY HOWE, b. June 29, 1889.
10:26. MARGARET " , b. April, 1891.
10:27. JENNIE " , b. May, 1895.
10:28. MONICA " , b. June, 1897.
10:29. WILLIAM C. " , b. Oct., 1899.

9.24. WALTER B. HOWE, b. July 6, 1871, in Vanceboro, Maine; marr. Lillian M. ---, b. Dec. 1874, in Canada of English extraction; lived on North Street, Calais, 1900 (171) next door to brother William. Walter was also a barber. Living in Calais in 1925, as he gave data for father's death record.

8.2. RACHEL MARIA HOWE, b. 1847; m. Alexander Purington, Calais, 15 March 1864; living in June, 1898.

8.3. SALINA A. HOWE, b. c1849; not living in June, 1898.

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(167) 1880 Census, S.D.2; E.D.169

(168) Ibid, 1900.

(169) Civil War Service Records, Augusta.

(170) 1900 Census.

(171) Ibid.

8.4. WILLIAM H. HOWE, b. c1851; marr. Eliza R. ---, b. New Brunswick, c1842 (171); lived in Vanceboro in 1870; in Calais, 1880 (172). Living in June, 1898.

Children:

9.25. EMMA HOWE, b. in Maine c1876.
9.26. ROSINA " , b. in Maine c1880.

8.5. Son, b. ?; m. ?; perhaps died New Brunswick, Can., before 1900.

Children:

9.27. GOLDIE HOWE (dau.), b. Can., Feb. 1876; living with grandfather, Ephraim W. Howe, on Pleasant St., Calais, in 1900 (173).
9.28. JOHN HOWE, b. Can., Nov. 1879; living with grandfather on Pleasant St., Calais, 1900 (a spinner in the cotton mill); single in 1910, living with grandfather, employed by City of Calais (174).
9.29. JESSIE E. HOWE (dau.), b. Can., Mar. 1881; living with grandfather on Pleasant St., Calais, 1900 (a carder in the cotton mill); still with Ephraim in 1910 and unemployed.

8.6. Emma b. 1853; living 1898.
8.7. "
8.8. "
8.9. "

8.10. EPHRAIM HOWE, b. c1863, Calais; marr. Margaret M. Finney, b. Scotland; resided Saco, Maine (175);

Child:

9.30. FRANCIS F. HOWE, b. 11 June 1897, Saco.

8.11. GEORGE HOWE, d. 2 Feb. 1865, ae. 2, Calais (vital record).
8.12. NELLIE ELEANOR HOWE, b. 26 Aug. 1867, Topsfield (176).

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(172) 1880 Maine Census (S.D.2; E.D.169.)

(173) Ibid., 1900 (Vol. 20;E.D.197;Sh.4;Line 20)

(174) 1910 Census, Ward 3, Calais (S.D.2;E.D.274;Sh.6B)

(175) Bur. Vit. Stats., Augusta (1897-1907).

(176) Vital Records of Topsfield, Maine, Book 2; Source, Dexter F. White, first cousin. From Nellie's birth record: she was the 12th child; father's name was Ephraim West Howe.

GENERATIONS SEVEN and EIGHT:
LINE OF SAMUEL C. HOWE

Samuel C. and Elizabeth (Wilson?) Howe

7.4. SAMUEL C. HOWE was born about 1824, probably in Northport, Waldo Co., Maine, third son of Isaac and Rachel Howe; marr., first, Elizabeth (Wilson?) b. c1827, New Brunswick, Can.; d. before May, 1853. Samuel marr., second, Nancy J. Woodcock,b. c1832; marr. int. 30 May 1853, Calais; marr. 1 June 1853 by B.B. Byrnes (177); not on 1870 or 1880 Maine census.

On 10 Dec. 1845, the marriage intentions of Samuel C. Howe and Catherine M. Wakefield were filed at Calais (178). The engagement was apparently broken, as the intentions of Zadock Washburn and Catherine Wakefield were filed at Calais on 27 Feb. 1852. From the census record of 1850, it appears that Samuel C. Howe married Elizabeth (Wilson?) about 1847, perhaps in New Brunswick.

Samuel C. and Nancy J. Howe were living in Calais, Ward No. 1, on 21 June 1860 (179). He was a brakeman on the railroad, had $300.00 in real property and $100.00 in personal property.

Children

8.13. ELIZA F. HOWE, b. c1848, Maine.

8.14. CATHERINE A. HOWE (called SELIA C., 1860 census), b. cMay, 1850

2nd Marriage:

8.15. ADA G. HOWE, b. c1854.

There are two land and property records found for Samuel C. Howe in Washington County, Maine. The first one is dated 7 April 1866, wherein Samuel C. Howe and Nancy J. Howe sold to David Townsend, Jr. (180) for $275.00, their property in Milltown, Calais., described as follows:

"Beginning on a continuation of Sherman Street so called at the southeasterly corner of land conveyed by George Dennes to Samuel Tyler; thence running five rods to land owned formerly by Michael Kelley in said Sherman Street, thence on said Kelley's sideline towards Boardman Street, to land of James Coffren, thence by said Coffren land northerly five rods, thence by a line parallel with said Kelley's line aforesaid to the place of beginning & meaning to convey a lot five rods wide on Sherman Street and back from such Sherman Street such a distance as to include half the distance between Sherman and Boardman Street. Reference being had for a more particular description of the premises by a deed from George Dennes to said Samuel C. Howe dated July 25th 1855."

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(177) Marriage Records, Calais, Maine.

(178) Marriage Records, Calais.

(179) 1860 Maine Census, p.17.

(180) Register of Deeds, Washington County, Maine, 115:427.

Samuel C. Howe had evidently bought property in July, 1855, in Calais, near that owned by his brother, Ephraim, and sold it in April, 1866. It is learned from his widow's pension application (see Appendix) that he was a miller and that he moved to Minneapolis, Minn. about 1865, where he died in 1888.

The second deed (181) is dated 15 Mar. 1884. Samuel C. Howe received property in Calais described as Lot No. 8, 46 square rods, surveyed by John Gardner and located on the south east side of No. Milltown Street in the Abner Sawyer pasture. This lot was 189 and 3/4 feet wide by 71 feet deep. The deed was signed by Wm. H. Lee; Elizabeth Newton; William B. King; George, Thomas, and Abner Townsend; May S. Abbot and Joseph W. Lee of Bristol, PA; and Clara Smith of Santa Barbara, California--the last two represented by attorney. No sum of money is mentioned. The Samuel C. Howe of this deed may have been Ephraim's son of the same name--rather than his brother.

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(181) Reg. Deeds, 163:45.

Mary Ellen Howe and George S.S. White

7.5. MARY ELLEN HOWE, fifth child of Isaac and Rachel (Davis) Howe, was born in Northport, Waldo County, Maine, 31 October 1828 (182); married 18 October 1845,at Topsfield, Maine, GEORGE STILLMAN SMITH WHITE, born 24 Jan. 1823, at Baileyville, Maine, son of Hosea and Anna (Morrill) White. George S.S. White (known as "Still") served in the Army, Civil War. He was 40 years old (the same age as Ephraim W. Howe at his enlistment), described as five feet and eight inches in height, with dark hair and coloring and black eyes, when he enlisted on 15 Dec. 1863. Given a medical discharge after a fall while on duty at Portland, he returned to his home in Topsfield, where his wife, Mary E. White, bought the deed to the Folsom farm in 1868 (183), as previously described. George S.S. White died at Topsfield, 19 Sept. 1902 and is buried in the White family cemetery at Talmadge. His wife died 3 Aug. 1905 and is also buried at Talmadge.

Several deeds are found for Mary E. White at Machias, Maine, Registry of Deeds. On 11 Jan. 1864, William Todd of St. Stephen, N.B., sold to Mary E. White for $300.00, 50 acres of land in Topsfield on the shore of Mushquash Lake (184). This was property Todd had bought of Thomas Bailey of Topsfield, 11 June 1864. Benjamin Folsom, her stepfather, witnessed the signing of the deed.

On 19 June 1872, eight years after she bought Lot No. 39 (50 acres on Mushquash Lake), Mary E. White conveyed it in a quit claim deed (185) to Philander A. Bailey for $300.00, the same price she paid for it.

Mary E. White conveyed mortgages (186) to Jane P. White and also to Alicia L. White, her daughters-in-law. The property mortgaged to Jane P. White is described in a deed of 7 June 1882, as a wedge-shaped piece of property in Topsfield, Lot No. 76, south of Lincoln Road, roughly 165 rods deep by 50 rods wide. The amount paid was $165.00 and there was a reserve on the sale: Mary E. White had the right to pasture her own stock on it. Also, there was a $60.00 mortgage held by the town of Talmadge on the lot.

These transactions involved small parts of the Folsom farm, which she was conveying to members of her immediate family. Benjamin Folsom, on 24 June 1846, had mortgaged the property to George Patch of Greenwood, Maine (187), one hundred and fifty-seven acres (Lot No. 76) in Topsfield. He must have paid off the mortgage and received the deed, for Mary E. White received a life lease to this property in 1868 for $1400.00, the deed to be forthcoming at the Folsoms' death. As noted, Ephraim W. Howe had received an identical lease for $500 and the promise to care for the Folsoms for the rest of their lives in 1867--an agreement which was cancelled. It appears that Mary Ellen (Howe) White was the businessperson in the family, as her husband waived his right of dower, perhaps acknowledging her superior financial acumen.

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(182) J. Delorey.

(183) Washington County Registry of Deeds, 119:305-7.
(184) Ibid., 106:148.
(185) Ibid., 131:227.
(186) Ibid., 159:199; 159:317-8
(187) Ibid., 69:395.

There was another Mary E. White at Columbia Falls, Maine, who was buying and selling property in that area at the same time as her namesake in Topsfield. Since towns are not named in the Indices of Deeds, it might appear that there was only one person involved. There were two.

Children, All Born in Topsfield:

8.16. JOHN DEARBORN FOLSOM WHITE, b. 28 Mar. 1847; marr. Alicia Merrill, 17 Sept. 1866, Topsfield.

Children

9.31. CHARLES WHITE, b. 20 Dec. 1876.
9.32. NANCY " , b. 17 Feb. 1870; m. Vernon Flint; no children.
9.33. MARY " , b. 16 June 1871; m. Herbert Cumming.
9.34. RALPH " , b. 27 May 1886.
9.35. PHINNIUS " , b. 29 Nov. 1889.

8.17. ANNA MORRILL WHITE, b. 21 July 1849; m. Solomon Briggs, 31 Oct. 1866.

8.18. GEORGE WELLINGTON WHITE, son of George S.S. and Mary Ellen (Howe) White was born in Topsfield, 1 May 1851; marr. Priscilla Jane Leighton, b. 30 April 1846. He was employed by the Bangor and Aroostook railroad (as was his brother-in-law, Samuel C. Howe), as a foreman in the carpenters' shop. He d. 8 May 1919 at Hudson, Maine; his wife died about 1913.

Children

9.36. HORACE W. WHITE, b. 21 Jan. 1872.
9.37. MAUD ESTELLA WHITE, b. 12 Apr. 1874; m. Harry Noble.
9.38. CLIFTON WILLIE WHITE, b. 7 Jan. 1876; marr. Lillian Peterson.

Child:

10.30. DONALD ALBERT WHITE aka DONALD A. IRELAND, b. 20 Feb. 1907, Caribou, Maine; adopted by William and Frances Ireland following death of parents; marr. Sept. 1927, Genevieve R. Weeks; d. Worcester, Mass., 4 Aug. 1985. The Irelands resided in Gardiner, Maine, and in Shrewsbury, Mass. He owned a shoe factory in Marlborough, Mass., which he sold in 1977. Donald and Genevieve Ireland have been active in civic and church affairs in Maine and Massachusetts.

Children:

11.27. JOYCE, m. (2) Henry L. Hokans.
11.28. JANET, m. John Delorey; three children:
12.31. Janet Elizabeth
12.32. John, Jr.
12.33. Donald.
11.29. JUDITH, m. Walter T. Jepson.

9.39. GEORGE WHITE, b. 15 May 1887; m. Lydia Blake; no children.
9.40. HERMAN WHITE, b. 1 Dec. 1890; d. Apr. 1912; unmarried.

8.19. ISAAC HOWE WHITE, b. 16 April 1854.
8.20. HEZEKIAH CRABTREE WHITE, b. 7 Aug. 1856; m. Erastus Lane.
8.21. MARY CAROLINE WHITE, b. 15 Sept. 1858; d. 30 Aug. 1864.
8.22. HARRIET JOHNSON WHITE, b. 26 April 1861; m. (1) John Omar, int. 12 June 1877; (2) Amos Noyes, 3 June 1888.
8.23. DEXTER FOSTER WHITE, b. 27 Apr. 1866; m. (1) ?; (2) Addie Chubbuck, 19 Jan. 1891, Carroll, Maine. They lived on the family farm at Topsfield. He died 6 July 1957 and is buried at Talmadge.

Children of First Marriage

9.41. FAY WHITE.
9.42. ANNIE "

8.24. RACHEL WHITE, b. 27 Feb. 1869 m. Joe Acorn, int. 21 Sept. 1884.
8.25. MARTHA WHITE? (1864-1894), bur. in White family cemetery, probable daughter of George and Mary E. (Howe) White.

GENERATIONS SEVEN AND EIGHT: LINE OF RACHEL A. HOWE

Rachel Ann Howe and Benjamin F. White

7.6 RACHEL ANN HOWE, sixth child of Isaac How and Rachel M. Davis, was born in Calais in 1834 (189); married 28 Oct. 1851 Benjamin F. White, son of Hosea and Anna (Morrill) White and brother of George S.S. White. Rachel and Benjamin were married in the Anglican Church, St. Stephen, N.B., with her brother and sister-in-law, Samuel C. and Elizabeth Howe, witnessing. According to the record (190), both Rachel and Benjamin had to have parental approval, as she was only seventeen and he was about a year older. Rachel Ann (Howe) White died about 1860-1862. Benjamin White married, second, Eliza Kneeland at Topsfield, 31 Aug. 1862 (191).

Children (188):

8.26. SARAH WHITE, b. 1853.
8.27. ELIAS " , b. 1855.
8.28. ELLA " , b. 1857; m. David Roix.
8.29. THOMAS " , b. 19 July 1859.

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(188) White family groups, J. Delorey.

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APPENDIX

PENSION RECORD OF EPHRAIM W. HOWE

The Pension Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873 (192) allowed for pensions to be paid to those who had been disabled by reason of injury or disease in the Civil War, the compensation to be paid as long as the disability continued. In the event of death, the widow and children under sixteen years were to be compensated. In the absence of widow or minor children, a dependent mother, father, or orphan sisters and brothers might be named. The Acts of June 27, 1890, and May 9, 1900, changed the basis for eligibility to those honorably discharged after serving 90 or more days who were suffering from disability not of their own making, which rendered them unable to make a living. The pay was to be no less than $6.00 per month and no more than $12.00. Widows and orphans were still pensioned, where applicable. On May 11, 1912, the General Pension Act increased the amount of benefit to the aging pensioners and this Act was amended in 1918 to increase the minimum benefit to $30.00 per month.

Ephraim Howe was hospitalized (193) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for at least two months, and perhaps four, in 1863. The surgeons attempted to draw out the poison from his back by "cupping" at least 20 times. It is a guess, based on the descriptions of his disability and Louisiana's known unhealthy climate, that Ephraim Howe could have ingested a parasitic organism which remained with him for the rest of his life. Disease was about six times as deadly as bullet or bayonet wounds on the list of Civil War casualty statistics (194).

The cause of Ephraim W. Howe's health problems apparently went undiagnosed, perhaps due to the large number of cases and the limited medical knowledge of the times. When he applied for a pension because of disability, Ephraim encountered some bureaucratic difficulties. The following letter describes his health problems:

The Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D.C.

I Ephraim W. Howe of Calais in the County of Washington and State of Maine on oath depose and say in answer to the communication of Jany 10th herewith returned, I have furnished the best medical testimony available in my claim No. 285,904, that of Dr. Charles E. Swan of Calais who has testified as to my soundness at enlistment, and also as to my condition since. I have called upon Captain Taylor to restate his testimony a copy of which is in my possession, and he says it is unnecessary since he had already communicated with the Department. I presume he will testify if the Department specially requests him to. There should be a record in the Surgeon General's Office of Hernia, lame back & kidney disease. I have filed a copy of a certificate in Dr. Jordan's handwriting, the contents of which should appear of record at the S. General's Office.

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(192) Encyclopedia Americana (New York: 1954), 21:547-8.

(193) Pension Record #285.904.

(194) Americana, 7:19.

I was cupped for lame back about twenty times. I do not remember exactly, but examination will disclose the number for the marks are on my person today. I was under the charge of Surgeons Jordan and Huckins.

In view of the fact that I came direct from Hospital when I was discharged, it follows that I must have had the diseases alleged at date of discharge. I cannot produce definite medical testimony as to my condition at date of discharge. Dr. Swan has testified generally in my case. My condition has been a matter of general notoriety. Dr. Swan has testified as to my condition in 1864 treating me for inflammation of the kidneys & lumbago. He has known me to be suffering from rheumatism & from left inguinal hernia. I can get the testimony of other neighbors to corroborate that of Cochran and Christie, or the testimony of surviving members of my company. I testify that I am unable to get a better class of evidence than offered, in order to make available the testimony of neighbors already presented.

The fact that Dr. Swan treated me so soon after my discharge should be taken into consideration with the record evidence. I am entirely unfit for manual labor. During the last month my right arm and hand have become paralized. I had no specific shock of paralysis but it became apparent by the swelling of same particularly at the knuckles and on the back of my hand. I do not mention this as bearing upon the claim already in or with a view to increase the sum.

If the evidence of the Captain is necessary, or testimony of other neighbors is required, I will furnish the same. I will give the names of the comrades who are living in Calais, and who know about my Hospital record as well as myself.-

1. John Fowler. 2. Augustus Reding. 3. John Tucker. 4. Elias S. Lane. 5. John Gayor. 6. Joseph Rockwood. 7. H.H. King. 8. Henry Young. 9. Daniel Young. A letter from the department will no doubt be answered by any of the above.

(signed) Ephraim W. Howe.

Ephraim had been able to obtain a letter from one of the surgeons who treated him in Louisiana, but not the other:

I Ephraim W. Howe of Calais in the County of Washington and State of Maine in oath depose and say in relation to the circular herewith returned, I cannot furnish the testimony of Dr. Huckins as called for. I applied to him for same and he wrote me saying he had no record or recollection of the case, and I forwarded his communication to the Pension Office.

I sent in a Surgeon's Certificate at the commencement of my claim, which was signed by Dr. Jordan. I have furnished the best obtainable testimony and can refurnish same, or more of the same class, but cannot procure that of Dr. Huckins, for the reason before mentioned.

(signed) Ephraim W. Howe.

State of Maine Calais Jny 30th 82
County of Washington

Personally came before me Ephraim W. Howe and subscribed and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statement. I certify that he was aware of the contents hereof before signing and that I am not interested herein.

Geo. E. Downes
Pension Notary

Two former co-workers of Ephraim W. Howe, John N. Whiteknact and John H. Spinney, deposed on 19 April 1884 that Ephraim W. Howe of Calais was forced to quit work in February, 1882, by reason of lameness, had not worked as a laborer since, and, in their opinion, could do no work. They stated further that no person would employ him to work.

Ephraim Howe eventually got his small pension and on 27 June 1912, the nonagenarian made application as an invalid soldier, under the General Pension Act of 1912, for increased pension, as the law allowed. He was taken ill with pneumonia on 30 July 1912, however, and died two weeks later, 13 August 1912. At the time of his death, Ephraim was receiving $24.00 per quarter, the minimum allowance. His final payment was received on 4 June 1912.

Samuel C. Howe, his son, applied for reimbursement of last illness and funeral expenses of $68.00, as follows:

Lemuel Brehaut, Physician, attendance, paid $8.00
Jessie G. Howe*, nursing and care, paid $10.00.
Ernest G. Young Co., Undertaker, paid $40.00.
Chas. Cone, Livery, paid $5.00.
C.W. Chadwick, Sexton, Cemetery, paid $5.00
*His granddaughter.

It was stated by his son that Ephraim Howe left no estate, other than one small house in Calais valued for tax purposes at $300.00 and mortgaged. The mortgagee foreclosed at Ephraim's death.

From the 1898 document in Ephraim Howe's pension file, previously mentioned, the following facts are learned:

Ephraim W. Howe was married to Barbara Ann Severence (not Loverence or Loverins, as some records show) at "Millfred" (Milford?), Maine, in 1843, by Petal Hall, "Squire." On 4 June 1898, they had six (of 12) living children: "Samerl C. Howe 55 in Nov. Maria 51 in August William 47 in June Emma 45 Ephraim 37 Nellie 31."

DECLARATION for PENSION of NANCY J. HOWE, WIDOW of SAMUEL C. HOWE

Nancy J. Howe, 58 years old, a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and widow of Samuel C. Howe, made application to Washington, D.C., for a pension on 6 August 1890 (Claim #493,492). The Augusta, Maine, Archives do not have a record of the service of Samuel C. Howe, Sr., perhaps because he did not die in Maine and also because he apparently never applied a pension himself.

For a widow to receive a pension, she had to show that she had no other income, property, or means of support; that her husband had served at least 90 days; that she was legally married to the decedent (Nancy was, by virtue of the death of his first wife); to show proof of that marriage (furnished by the clerk at Calais, Maine); and whether or not she had remarried.

From Nancy J. (Woodcock) Howe's pension application it is learned that Samuel C. Howe was enrolled in Company G, Coast Guard, Maine Infantry, on February 15, 1865, and served until July, 6, 1865, with the rank of private. He was 39 years old at enlistment, five feet and ten inches tall, with blue eyes and light hair and complexion. He was a miller by occupation.

From the same source, which includes the depositions of neighbors, it is learned that Samuel C. and Nancy J. Howe moved to Minneapolis about 1865 and that Samuel C. Howe died there of liver cancer and complications thereof on 16 December 1888.

ISAAC HOW'S COURT RECORDS

After Patricia Pettigrew, Registrar of Deeds of Washington County had copied, at our request, the many Howe deeds referenced in this manuscript, it seemed to be a good idea to also make a check of court records before leaving the Howes. Accordingly, Mrs. Phyllis Longver was asked to look at New Hampshire records for possible transgressions of a very youthful Isaac How, but found that there were no records available for that early date. Mrs. Lois Thurston had better luck with the records of Washington County, Maine. She found several entries on the index of the Court of Common Pleas for Isaac How in the period from 1829-1837. Her lists follow:

Washington County, Maine, Court of Common Pleas, 1829-1839:

Isaac Howe was in court several times between 1829-1837.
1829. Box 186, Folder 18. Green Brown, Calais (no further information).
1829. Box 187, Folder 43. Defendant against Abner Sawyer.
1831, March term. Box 202, Folder 32. Vs. State. Assault and Battery (Vol. 6, p.526).
1833, March. Box 219, Folder 3. Plaintiff vs. ? (Vol. 8, p.106).
1834, Sept. Box 225, Folder 4. Plaintiff against Peter Carle.
1834. Box 236, Folder 10. Plaintiff against Aaron Palmer.
1834. Box 237, Folder 31. Plaintiff against Nathan Stanley.
1834. Box 241, Folder 35. Plaintiff against Harlow Thompson.
1834. Box 244, Folder 43. Vs. State. Bill of costs, no charge given (Vol. 9, p. 593).
----. Box 247, Folder 52. Not found, no papers.
1834, Sept. Box 244, Folder 43. (Vol. 9, p. 599), no papers.
1835. Box 259, Folder 49. Defendant against Luther C. White (acc 1831-4).
1835, Sept. Box 259, Folder 50. Defendant against Moses Safford (Vol. 10, p.456).
1835. Box 263, Folder 16. Defendant against Reuben Lowell (Vol. 10, p.260).
1836. Box 265, Folder 11. Plaintiff against Reuben Lowell (Vol. 11, p.14).
1836. Box 267, Folder 17. Defendant against Peter Carle.
1836. Box 278, Folder 39. Plaintiff against Aaron Palmer.
1836. Box 279, Folder 14. Defendant against Ephraim Wentworth.
1837. Box 298, Folder 4. Defendant against Peter Carle.

Because of Isaac How's many court appearances in Washington County, Mrs. Thurston was asked to also check the court records of Hancock County and of Waldo County for the period 1817-1829, during which time Isaac and Rachel How resided first in Bucksport (Hancock Co.) and then in Northport (Waldo County). The latter county, however, was not organized until 1827. Checking that county's records from 1827-1829, Mrs. Thurston found no court records for Isaac How, nor were there any in Hancock County, including the area which became Waldo County, from 1815-1827.

She then checked three of the volumes mentioned in the Washington County index and transcribed by hand (since no photocopies were allowed) the following summarized three cases:

Washington County Court of Common Pleas March Term 1831
Vol. 6, p.526. STATE VS. HOWE.

Isaac How(e) Labourer was indicted by the Jurors of the State, County of Washington, because he allegedly committed assault and battery with force and arms upon one Israel C. Davis in Calais on 28 May 1830. According to the indictment, Isaac beat, bruised, and stabbed Davis with a knife so that he was badly wounded and in danger of losing his life. Entered in September, 1830, the indictment was continued to the following term.

On 3 March 1831, Isaac Howe was arraigned, pled "not guilty," and a jury of twelve, Dennis Garland foreman, was impaneled. The jury found Isaac not guilty of the charges and the case was dismissed. Court costs were $28.43.

Washington County Court of Common Pleas Criminal Sept. Term 1834
Vol. 9, p.593. STATE VS. HOWE

"State of Maine by Indictment vs Isaac Howe of Calais in our County of Washington for selling spirituous Liquors without License as is more fully set forth in the Indictment entered and filed at September Term A D 1833 and thence continued from Term to Term to this term and now the respondent appears and the Attorney for the State in this County will prosecute no further & the same is accordingly
noll profs"

Washington County Court of Common Pleas September Term 1837
Vol. 13, p. 415. CARLE VS DUDLEY & AL

Peter Carle of Princeton, Gentleman, was plaintiff at Calais, 6 May 1836, versus Isaac How of Calais, yeoman; John Dudley, Esquire, of an unincorporated place called Waite township; and Levi Campbell of Baileyville, yeoman. These men had borrowed money of Carle, signing notes which were payable on demand.

Isaac How had been arrested after a judgment by Justices of the Court of Common Pleas at Machias on the first Tuesday of March, 1836, as owing $104.40, plus various court and execution costs and taxes. He was given six months to take the debtor's oath before two Justices of the Peace, to pay the debt--or to surrender himself "to the custody of a gaoler."

At the Court's September term, Peter Carle, the plaintiff averred that six months had long since passed and Isaac How had not executed any of his options in the matter. Carle therefore asked for damages of $400.00.

The action was commenced at the March term, six months previously, at which time "the death of Isaac Howe one of the defendants was suggested" and thence the case was continued until the September term. John Dudley and Levi Campbell, the other defendants, were called three times, defaulted, and were made liable by the Court for $166.17 in damages, plus taxes.

Research of Isaac Howes of New Hampshire

The key element in proving this Howe line was the need to eliminate other Isaac Howes of New Hampshire who might have married Rachel Davis in Bucksport, Maine, in October, 1817. Phyllis Longver of Penacook, New Hampshire, was asked to search records at the State Archives at Concord for marriage and death records of Isaac Howes. Her research indicates that it is highly unlikely that Isaac Howe of Hollis remained in New Hampshire.
These are her findings:

Vital Records, Concord, NH:

Isaac How (e) marriages: 1793, 1840, 1853.
Box 214: Isaac How
b. 21 Jan. 1783, Swanzey, NH, son of Antipas/Joanna.
b. 22 Jan. 1767, New Ipswich, NH, 4th ch. of Isaac/Sybil.
Box 498:
Isaac How of Amherst, NH, marr. Sarah Griffin of Temple, NH, 2 Dec. 1793, at Temple, NH.
Box 498: Ephriam How m. Mary (no surname given) in Hollis, NH (!)
Box 417: Isaac How b. 28 Dec. 1797, Hollis, NH, 8th ch. of Ephraim and Mary How.
Box 498: Isaac Howe of Farmington, NH, married Sally Holmes at Farmington, Sept. 9, 1819, Farmington, NH.*
No deaths recorded for Isaac, Mary or Ephraim.
History of Hollis, NH: Information in text.
Hollis Cemetery Records. Information in text.
History of Jaffrey, NH: Ephraim Howe b. 20 May 1771, son of Fiske (p.418).
Vital Records, Salem, NH, p.3: Capt. Isaac How d. 18 April 1829.
Charles G. Potter, Military Records of NH (Concord, 1866), p. 193: Isaac How, Pvt., Roll of Capt. John W. Hayes' Co., Sept. 12, 1814-Sept. 29, 1814--detached militia from 25 regiment. He was paid $6, served 18 days; rate-$10 per month.

*NOTE: The marriage of Isaac Howe to Sally Holmes of Farmington, 9 Sept. 1819, caused some concern. It was the only marriage record of an Isaac Howe in New Hampshire at a plausible time for Isaac of Hollis to marry. Mrs. Longver, accordingly, was asked to dig a little deeper.
Finding the following: NH Census, 1790, p. 96. James How of Rochester, 1-4-3, Mrs. Longver commented that Rochester and Farmington are neighboring towns.

The following information suggested that Isaac Howe who married Sally Holmes might be the son of Dr. James Howe of Rochester:
McDuffee, History of Rochester, NH, Vol. VI,p.121:

> DR. JAMES HOWE
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> "Among the patriots of the Revolution the name of James Howe should not be omitted. His pedigree runs back to James Howe who was a freeman at Ipswich, Mass., in 1637. One of his sons removed to Andover, and afterwards to Methuen, where his son Deacon James Howe was born in 1695, and died Dec. 22, 1771. His son James was Deacon with him in the same church. This Dea. James Jr. was born Nov. 7, 1723, and died 1805 or 1806. He was married to Jemima Farnham Feb. 6, 1752, and had six sons, as follows:- Jonathan, James, David, Jacob, Isaac, and Farnham; all of whom served their country in the Revolution, from Bunker Hill to the close of the War."

D.W. Howe's genealogy (pp 190-193), however, ruled out the possibility that any of this line marr. Sally Holmes. The same source (pp 547-8) provided a likely identity for Isaac Howe, husband of Sally Holmes. The line is:
(1) John How of Portsmouth, N.H., probable descendant of Edward Howe of Lynn.
(2) Thomas Howe, bapt. 23 Mar. 1760; marr. (second) Patience Garland; moved to Rochester, N.H., c1796; four ch. b. 1787-?
(3) Isaac Howe (3rd son), m. ? (prob. marr. Sally Holmes of Farmington); eight children. Hannah, sister of Isaac, marr. Nehemiah Kimball of Farmington and had a family there.

An interesting notation is found in the Genealogy of N.H., Vol. 4, p.1771:

> "VII. Ephraim, 3rd son and child of Silas and Abigail Howe of Boylston, Mass., b. about 1760, settled in Hollis, NH, where he cleared up a farm and passed his life. His wife's name was Mary, as shown in the record of their children's births, namely: Nicholas, Ephraim, Mary, John, Joseph, Sarah, Isaac and Samuel.
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> VIII. John Howe, 3rd son and 4th child of Ephraim and Mary Howe, was b. Oct. 11, 1782 (should be 1789) in Hollis . . . settled in Whitefield, NH, whence he removed to Carroll, same state, in 1828. He lived there till his death, Sept. 25, 1868, at the age of 86 years . . . He married Sarah Jewell, by whom he had nine children, as follows: Jonas, Louisa, Abagail, Thomas R., Lucy, Mitchell W., Hester, Silas, and Ezra."

Howe's genealogy provides no clue as to the authenticity of the Howe line into which Ephraim Howe of Hollis has been interjected. Although the date given for John Howe's birth is six years too early, he could conceivably have been the son of Ephraim of Hollis. The names of John's children do not fit at all with the names of the How line of Hollis, however, whose family used the same given names consistently for seven generations. In any case, the estate of Joseph How of Hollis, New Hampshire, was administered by his oldest son, Ephraim, in 1780, invalidating the claim that Ephraim was the son of Silas Howe.

Understanding Isaac How

Isaac How was as often a plaintiff as he was a defendant in court. We can only conclude that he was a victim of the harsh circumstances of the frontier life of Washington County and that he must be judged and understood in terms of the time and place in which he lived.

The terms of the lease granted him by Reuben Lowell were very demanding and were probably the cause for two of the court appearances, once as plaintiff and once as defendant. There were several men living on that property in 1830 and some of the complaints listed could have involved disputes over work or money due.

The charge of selling liquor without a license was continued from term to term and finally dropped; thus we can assume that the situation was not uncommon, nor viewed as very serious, perhaps was not supported by any hard evidence--in fact, may have been a charge made against him by a disgruntled neighbor.

Inherent in the records of these cases, also, is the inescapable truth that times were hard, money scarce, and that family men like Isaac How were usually desperate for cash. Those with money to lend could dictate their own terms, given the dire straits of the borrowers. Perhaps lenders were impelled by compassion for those less fortunate than themselves, but more likely they were putting their money to work in any possible way they could.

The assault and battery charge brought by the State against Isaac How for his alleged brutal attack on Israel Davis is significant in that it was considered serious enough to warrant a jury trial. Since a jury of twelve of his peers acquitted Isaac, there were surely extenuating circumstances brought out in the trial which do not appear in the record.

Isaac How had plenty of company in his frequent court appearances. The index cards show many suits of other Howes of Washington County in the early nineteenth century, most notably those of Pearl and Simeon Howe. What the record does not tell us is the exact time, cause or place of Isaac's untimely death.

Mrs. Thurston searched the following records in an unsuccessful attempt to find death records for Isaac How, Sr., and Isaac Howe, Jr.

Calais (1824-1905 vital records).
Eaton (no records on film)
Forest City (no records prior to 1892).
Danforth (deaths 1889-1890), no Isaac Howe, Jr.
Pre-1892 delayed returns, 80 towns reporting: no death records for Isaac A. or his brother Samuel C. Howe.

EPILOGUE

Before I left the family of Martha Howe, it was important to my own understanding of their lives and times to see where Martha, her siblings, her parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins lived. Early in July, 1986, my husband and I drove to Washington County, Maine, to explore their old haunts and to endeavor to reach back a hundred years and to "walk in their shoes," so to speak.

We alloted two days to this venture, driving from Bangor east to Calais, where we crossed the St. Croix River into St. Stephen, N.B., drove around briefly and then returned to Calais. We chanced to drive past Pleasant Street, where a bulldozer was digging in the middle of the street. This was Ephraim Howe's old street, where he lived many years in a small mortgaged house. The mortgage holder foreclosed on that house at Ephraim's death in 1912. Somehow, I had expected to see a place on the river front, sort of a Huck Finn shack, perhaps a place where one could drop a fishing line off the front porch and into the water. Instead, this Pleasant Street was a quiet and very mundane byway with green lawns, shade trees, and modest homes--peaceful and not at all exotic or dramatic .

The interesting thing about the town of Calais is its border location. The waitress at McDonald's asked for American coins from a customer, rather than Canadian ones, for example. It was about five P.M. when we were there and cars with Canadian license plates were passing through roadside turnoffs to declare their duty-free purchases before crossing the river into Canada. With a population of some 4,300 persons (according to the AAA Tour Book), Calais enjoys the distinction of being Maine's only international city.

In Isaac How's time, Calais was probably a town bustling with the activity of the lumber trade. The river front must have teemed with lumberjacks as the St. Croix River was jammed with logs. The soil was said to be fertile and there were plenty of fish. A generation later, in Ephraim and Samuel Howe's days in Calais, the railroad was operating briskly and the mills were flourishing. To the Howes, Calais must have seemed a very likely spot to settle and raise a family. It was not a fortuitous choice for them, as we have seen. Calais, like most of Washington County today and then, is a place where a dollar seems hard to come by.

We drove north on Route No. 1, called the "Houlton-Baring Highway" in the Howe deeds, passing through Princeton, with its primarily Indian population. Some sort of festival was in progress, as young persons wearing native costumes and headdresses danced. Visitors or sightseers were arriving in large numbers by auto, but we did not stop.

Talmadge, or Waite, was identified by a highway sign located just south of Topsfield. There was no indication of a village center and we saw no one. It was in Talmadge (Post Office Waite) that Isaac, Jr., bought thirty acres of land from Mr. Johnson about 1860. It was also a White family base.

On the stretch of highway between Talmadge and Topsfield, on the east side of the road, is a collection of old automobile bodies, stray cats, shacks, and other debris. We were told that the White family burying ground is located in back of this rubble and is maintained by the occupant. Time was short and the place looked so formidable that we did not go in, but it is very possible that Rachel Davis Howe Folsom and her second husband Benjamin Folsom are buried there.

Continuing on to Topsfield, we enquired as to where we could find Frances White, Deputy Town Clerk. Topsfield is a very small place, notable for the fact that two highways, Nos. 1 and 6, cross there, so it was not difficult to locate Mrs. White. Her name suggested that she might be related to the Howes, but Mrs. White says that her husband is from Levant, Maine, and is therefore probably not related to the Whites who married into the Howe family. Following Mrs. White's directions, we soon found the old Folsom farm, which is about four houses west of the crossroads, located on Route No.6. We were told that the present owner is a Mrs. Bean, a widow, who is somehow related to the Whites. "Deck" White, the last owner, had married a Bean. He is buried in the White burial ground off of Route No. 1 (previously described).

The farmhouse is located a few yards from the road and seems to be in good condition for its age. Mrs. Bean told us that someone had found in the attic a bill of sale for feed to Benjamin Folsom, dated 1838. There is a shed, or lean-to, between the house and barn. The barn is conspicuous, as it is quite large in comparison to the house. The unpainted building lists considerably and probably will not stand much longer. Mrs. Bean, a widow, says she does not have the funds to restore it.

This was the Topsfield farm where Isaac Howe's widow Rachel lived with her second husband for many years. Isaac, Jr., and Lorana Howe undoubtedly lived there for a while, as did Ephraim Howe and his family. The farm was inherited by Mary E. Howe White and was passed down to her son. My mental vision of what the place would have looked like must have been influenced by the movie, "Oklahoma." I had pictured a sprawling frame house with outbuildings, surrounded by fertile fields which could have yielded abundant crops. This place, located close to the road, was a conservative and rather small Maine farmhouse, white with green trim. The barn would have held several cows and probably a good supply of hay, but there was not much land cleared. The Folsoms and Whites probably managed to grow their own hay and vegetables. With most of the original 130 acres (as described in the land deeds) invisible and undefinable, it was hard to imagine that this place had been coveted by at least two of Rachel's children, who vied for ownership of it.

Leaving Topsfield, we drove north on Highway No. 1 to Eaton, which was located from the railroad sign. The old Eaton sign is found on a post up the tracks and away from the highway, but the new one, much more legible and placed there by the Boston and Maine Railroad (formerly the Bangor and Aroostook) is on a post just to the left of the crossing and clearly identifies the Eaton Station, as it was called.

Isaac A. Howe's homestead lot was located just east of the crossing and the property, which was purchased from Lorana and her children by William V. Davis, their neighbor to the east, is now owned by the senior Mrs. Stoddard. Isaac's neighbor to the north was Albert Stoddard and that land and property is presently owned by his descendant, Herbert Stoddard, Mrs. Stoddard's son. Another neighbor, to the south and across from the Eaton Cemetery, is Kenneth Stoddard, brother of Herbert, and the new sexton of the cemetery.

The Eaton Cemetery is on the east side of the road, perhaps a half-mile south of Isaac's old homestead. It is very likely that Isaac and Lorana Howe are buried in that cemetery, although their graves are not marked and the former sexton, Daniel Shay, does not have maps which would identify the unmarked graves.

The town of Eaton was absorbed by Danforth, so the cemetery is in the latter place. It is mowed and well-maintained, some of the stones dating back to the 1850's and all in good condition. Toward the back of the cemetery, under tall pine trees, are many graves, most of them unmarked, and it is perhaps in that area that Isaac and Lorana rest. In the center of the cemetery is a hill or large mound containing many graves, dating from about 1850 and through the early 1900's.

William V. Davis, neighbor of Isaac and Lorana and a mason, rests under a handsome stone with his wife Mathilda. He died in 1912. Nathan Scribner, perhaps father of the Scribners who sold Isaac his homestead lot, died in 187-, his grave also marked by a fine marble monument, almost a twin to the obelisk-like Davis stone. Other names include the Stoddards, Shays, and the Kinneys (variously spelled). The front part of the cemetery, near the road, is the newer section.

Danforth with a population of 800 has a main street, a motel and some public buildings. Located at the junction of two highways, the town is also on the Boston and Maine Railroad line -- a continuing conduit to a civilization beyond and to the rest of Maine.

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